

Christ Sun of Justice Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2020, 6:30pm

Present: Joe Romand (Deacon & Interim Parish Administrative Coordinator), Fr. John Cronin (Interim Priest), MaryAnn Carey, Fran Hyde, Christine Relyea, Rogerio Rodrigues, Bill Stewart, Joel Lemus (Knights of Columbus), Andy Bouffard (Newman Fellowship), Linda Crucetti, Traci Griffin, Rebecca O'Connor, Joe Petri, Kate Tozzi, Jessica Wasko.

Minutes: The minutes from the Jan. 2020 meeting were approved.

Interim Priest's Report (Fr. John Cronin): At a recent Vicariate meeting (Troy and vicinity parishes), St. Peter's Hospital requested volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers. This includes ministering to Samaritan Hospital. This request will be in the bulletin. Kathy Spain is our current Eucharistic Minister and adding other ministers will help her.

Parish Administrators Report (Deacon Joe Romand): No decision has been made yet by the Diocese to add a Sacramental Minister, Deacon, Parish Life Coordinator, or Chaplain. The Parish Profile document that Joe submitted to the Diocese recommended that the Foundation and parish operate as separate entities. March 2nd is the next meeting with the Diocese where the parish trustees will present a parish plan.

Joe recently presented the Parish Profile plan to the trustees with an optimistic response. There will most likely be changes in structure. For example, Kevin is currently doing the Easter liturgical aids but should this be under the umbrella of the Foundation or the parish? These details will be worked out as they arise. Some changes that have been in place already liturgy-wise, for example, we were using the Canadian Lectionary and have transitioned to use the US Conference of Catholic Bishops version. Other changes involve activities to form a community with OLV from a sacramental point of view.

Newman Foundation Report (Fran Hyde): Reiterated the lack of decision on the part of the Diocese. Fran hopes for something in writing to document future plans. Stressed that an administrator (could be part-time) is needed to work with the people of parish and to take on things that Kevin is doing for the parish. Spoke about the ongoing search for a chaplain. The Diocese has a say in who gets hired. A layperson or deacon can fill this position. They are advertising in The Evangelist and online. Others recommended posting job ad on academic and other online sites.

Newman Fellowship (Andy Bouffard): Officers have been elected. They are on working on a date to table outside of Sage dining hall in the near future; Fran has cookies for this. This weekend (Feb

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21-23) is the Emmaus retreat at the Dominican retreat center. 6 RPI students are signed up to attend. Fran suggesting taking our Lenten speaker series flyers to advertise at the retreat. Andy didn't hear back from Tom Reale about inviting Pat Devaney. Fr. John recommended Fr. Dan Quinn to join for the showing of the movie "The Way" because he recently traveled "*El Camino de Santiago*". Their goal for the semester is 5 service hours. Service suggestions were: ask Kevin for C+CC needs, OLV fish fry (Jessica provided contact), Holy Thursday activities, ICC soup kitchen Easter dinner.

Knights Report (Joel Lemus): An additional Rosary night has been added: Tuesdays at 6:00 & Wednesdays at 7:00. Knights might help Mike Dempsey from Catholic High at their day retreat. Meals & game nights continue. What can parish council do to help both of these student groups? Andy and Joel thought that they should get a jump on participating at the semester activities fair because students rarely join later in the semester. Ideas for parish to help students: After masses, offer breakfast, dinner, snacks, or "to go" care boxes, program relax/study time around final exam dates. We should plan one of these at our next meeting. Prayer board for students to anonymously list intentions for students & parish to pray. Possibly post these outside the Chaplains office in the Union. Possible eye-catching flyers for DCC to increase student membership and promote outreach (ex: "Join Knights helping Troy kids ____" (insert activity such as fix bikes, introduce robotics, etc.)

Old Business:

- MaryAnn spoke about the recent soup kitchen dinner and help needed for Easter Dinner on Apr. 2 at 4:30. This need will be put in the bulletin and the Knights and Newman groups plan to help.
- Fran and Kevin are putting info together to honor Patrick Quinn (parishioner and former RPI Dean of Architecture that was the architect for the C+CC addition). He will be recognized with a plaque/sign next to the plaque recognizing the main C+CC architect.
- Bulletin design: Joe recently shared an America Magazine article that contains simple solutions that may help make our bulletin easier to read. Kevin and an RPI student are also doing research in this area. Efforts in this regard should be coordinated. Recommendations from the council: white bulletin paper with a splash of color/color border, and possible QR code.

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New Business:

- Changes to the Agape/Holy Thursday dinner were discussed. To be in communion with the bishop and the universal church, CSJ addressing concerns raised, decided not serve a meal within the mass. The consensus of the council was to recommend holding the meal first at 6:30 followed by Mass at 7:30 and then repose of the Blessed Sacrament with a quiet procession out of the chapel (as general instruction of the Roman missal provides). A sign up sheet will be needed (as usual) to plan for the correct amount of food. The food traditionally was made by Fr. Ed but can be catered without issue. These changes will be discussed at the liturgy meeting this Thursday. Rebecca suggested using homemade bread (unleavened wheat required, maybe request via the bulletin for a volunteer parishioner to make the bread as Bill Webster traditionally did) in the mass and continuing to have parishioners & Pastoral Council members serve those in attendance. Possible help from Knights & Newman groups for set up during the day Thursday, volunteers for getting feet washed, help with food and clean up.
- The need for Pastoral Council officers was discussed. Traci Griffin has graciously accepted the position of Vice Chair. We need to have Chair and Secretary positions filled also.
- Our next meetings are: Tue. Mar. 24 and Thursday April 30 in the Hospitality House at 6:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by: Christine Relyea