

GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

581 East Fourteen Mile Road
Clawson, Michigan 48017

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes ~ September 17, 2019

In Attendance:

Rev. Tony Richter (Pastor), Terry Clayton (Christian Service), Mary Lambrix (Evangelization; PPC Recording Secretary), Dave Swanson (Parish Council; PPC President), Charlotte Paul (Worship), Randy Maddock (PPC), Paula Lucas (SOV), Betty Czaplicki (Education), Carol Barton (Worship), Steve Petty (Evangelization), Dennis Thomas (PPC).

The joint Parish Pastoral Council and Commissions meeting began with a prayer at 6:30 PM.

The Commissions then broke out to meet individually. Following the Commissions' meetings PPC reconvened at 7:09 PM. Fr. Tony led prayer with the new Discipleship Prayer.

The **minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting** were approved. Moved by Charlotte, seconded by Randy; motion approved.

Vicariate Pastoral Council (Paula and Mary) – The meeting originally scheduled for September 24 has been moved to October 22 at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish. Dave mentioned we still need reps from GA to the Vicariate.

At the May meeting, Genevieve Marnon from Right-to-Life presented on the dismemberment abortion ban petition, and the heartbeat ban petition. The dismemberment petition focuses on eliminating a specific procedure and has a clear legal pathway to survive a challenge in the courts based on previous precedents. It has been endorsed by the Michigan Catholic Conference and Archbishop Vigneron. Michigan is unique in terms of abortion restrictions based on being one of eight states that had an abortion ban in effect at the time of Roe vs. Wade, reaffirmed by the defeat of Proposition B in 1972 to overturn it. Michigan effectively has a ban on heartbeat abortions based on the existing law that remains on the books. The heartbeat petition doesn't have a clear legal pathway to be implemented based on the results of challenges to similar laws in other states. This petition has not been endorsed by the Michigan Catholic Conference.

The next phase of Unleash the Gospel will be starting with a missionary strategic planning pilot. Nine parishes are named to be in the pilot program. The Vicariate reps broke into small groups to discuss how to roll out Unleash the Gospel.

Christian Service (Terry Clayton) Re: South Oakland Shelter (SOS), at Berkley First United Methodist Church, 2820 Twelve Mile Road, Berkley, from Sunday, October 20 to Sunday, October 27. There will be a sign-up genius for parishioners to volunteer in the Guardian. We are helping, not partnering with, them. This year it is more of an individualized choice on the part of parishioners to be involved. Terry also presented the info to St. Vincent de Paul members. Terry has no information on the cleaning the church project. Father Tony said he is working with some people on that. Cleaning will happen on Monday, September 30. Charlotte ordering fall decorations for the picnic, and the church will be decorated with same after the cleaning.

Education (Betty) She is working on the calendar for the year for the 55+ Up Group: October 25 will be a tour of Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Gramer Funeral Home has agreed to sponsor); in November the plan is to tour Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, (and will ask Lynch or

Desmond to sponsor). Betty will meet with Rakhi to work on avoiding over-lapping of days of events.

Betty pointed out that there are no staff representatives meeting with the Education Commission, so the members don't know what their purpose is.

Father mentioned that staff is meeting and working on what everybody is doing, and delineating event responsibilities so there are no overlaps.

For school events, parish events – can they be placed on a single calendar?

Evangelization Committee (Mary Lambrix) Discussed a new focus at tonight's meeting-an action plan of becoming a Joyful Missionary Disciple. Teaching people how to talk about their faith. That would morph into *Encounter* (how to invite people in), into *Grow*, into *Witness-Sharing* (maybe in Lent). How to help people get feet wet in shallow water, get them interested just a little bit, and then it grows. Bulletin changing format and will work with these ideas.

Worship (Charlotte) Requesting again to have someone who could do a survey concerning the layout of the Narthex and effective use of its space, signage, etc. Did not get any takers the last time it was requested.

Considering Evangelization Committee's suggestion for having "nuggets" of information about the Mass given just before Mass begins on weekends. Father suggests that this be tabled and given to his leadership team.

Dave asked for help for himself in the presidency and for Mary in the secretarial duties.

Re: Ministry Fair – we have every intention to contact all those who sign up. Very important.

Need a list of people who can help (i.e.: plumbers, electricians, handy men, financial skills, etc.)

At the parish picnic (September 29), we will honor Deacon Bob and his wife, Barb. There will be a cake, and a basket for cards in appreciation of all that Deacon has done for the parish. He will also be at 11:00 AM Mass that day. A Spiritual Bouquet will be given to him from the parishioners at that Mass.

Fr. Tony PASTOR'S REPORT

For Paving the Way, we are still receiving new pledges – still doing well.

Buildings & Grounds: there are a lot of things to do yet, but going well, and working within the budget. A very good group.

There will be a new fence by the condos.

Fall Festival (September 28) – since the response has been very low, we will need to make a decision within the next few days whether to cancel, or not.

Looking forward to the Parish Picnic on September 29 after the 11:00 AM Mass.

ADJOURNMENT with prayer and blessing at 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lambrix,
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, November 19, 2019