

## Pastoral Council Meeting

11/10/22

Present for the meeting: Father Rolando, Curtis Carlson, Terry Foster, Louise Holland, Craig Rowe, and Kathy Baker

Meeting began at 7:00 pm with an opening prayer by Craig.

We addressed the first two meeting items together (coffee & donuts for the 7:30 and 9:30 masses and childcare for the 9:30 mass). These were talked about together since both agenda items were originally stopped because of COVID and St. Columba got a new pastor, Fr. Rolando.

Next, we shared the approximate numbers of parishioners at the masses. Terry said that Sunday's 5:30 mass is between 120 and 130. Kathy said that 9:30 is getting about 250 every Sunday, but that she knows that the 7:30 mass has very low attendance. Curtis said that the first Saturday Vigil of the month is well attended because of the uniform waiver for St. Columba students that attend. The children also get to bring the gifts to the altar.

Kathy asked why the agenda item for coffee & donuts only had the 7:30 mass listed because the 9:30 one also used to have it. Father answered this by saying he didn't know the 9:30 had that so, of course, "we'll do 9:30, too!"

We discussed how many school families are actual parishioners at St. Columba, and it seems to be semi-low.

The discussion went now to the actual meeting items:

- 1) A) Louise said that her groups would volunteer to start helping with babysitting and donuts because they are both a big plus for young families. B) Craig responded that we should start with a small group of volunteers. C) Father wants donuts & coffee so that he can personally learn more about and meet more of the parishioners. D) Louise said that donuts make families stay around longer after mass. E) Father said that Fiona is willing to help with coffee & donuts. F) Craig said that maybe we should start with one or two Sundays and then build. G) Kathy brought up that we need to find out about the ordering of donuts and the training of making coffee; with Christmas and New Year's Days both on Sundays this year, maybe we should start this in January. H) Father said yes, start in January. I) Kathy said we need to learn the logistics of ordering supplies.
- 2) A) Craig asked how many children are with the Moms' Group already. B) Louise said 8-10 with them alone; start this the same date as coffee & donuts, (Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>)? C) Terry said that childcare may attract more young families but wondered if there was training or licensing required. D) Craig said that Trish & the teachers at St. Columba are all certified in first aid, childcare, mandated reporters, etc. "What requirements are needed for that? We need to start looking at that." E) Terry suggested that we start by asking the diocese that question. F) Craig asked Father if he or Deacon would take the lead on reaching out to the diocese and Father said Deacon.

We next started talking about getting the word out better. A) Craig said that we broadcast via the bulleting, groups, and word of mouth, but how do we get the word out to neighboring families who don't go to St. Columba already? B) Father said that our website is being regularly updated. C) Kathy said that we need to the youth to take over social media such as Instagram, Facebook, etc. and maybe that would need to be a discussion with John Ammon as to which St. Columba students (or youth group

members) would be best for that. D) Terry & Louise both said we need a Next Door account. E) Curtis said that we should link all social media accounts to the website. F) Terry said that the youth should do a short video advertising for donuts. G) Craig said that we need to meet the people where they are; we can put flyers in apartment laundry rooms, etc. to reach out.

Parish Christmas Party was now brought up. Father said that we should have it on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> as it ties in with a Filipino tradition in December, and that we could do a potluck-style get together. After discussing how busy that late in December is for most people, it was decided that maybe the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> (both Saturdays) would be better. And, should we have games, entertainment, wreath making, etc. happening simultaneously? We decided that this year, it would be a simple potluck since that's less than a month away, but going forward we will have entertainment, etc. Craig said that a great way to get people to participate would be to give the families a free raffle ticket for bringing a dish. He asked Father if there was a way that St. Columba could provide a television and some other things to raffle off, and Father said yes. We finally chose December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 or 4:00 in the afternoon and maybe to have a movie playing in the background.

What do we need to make this happen? We need a food sign-up sheet, volunteers to set up/break down, people to decorate the night before, and communication to the parishioners via email (that would need help from Kathi and/or Alma). The parish will provide utensils, paper goods, drinks, coffee, and power strips for keeping dishes warm.

Craig said that we'll need to reconvene soon and then asked Father to do the closing prayer. Father first asked Terry for an update on the synod to which Terry said there was really nothing yet as they just recently closed the link for filling out the survey.

Father said the closing prayer, and the meeting ended after approximately one hour.