

**Common Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes from the May 26, 2016 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Father Mike, Marcia Frankiewicz, Heidi Belongia, Annette Lucchesi, Paul Burgoyne, Tom Ewing, Ginny Kollasch, Steve Luke, Rosemary Reyes Cuevas, Joe Ziino, Diane Bandurski, Tom Croasdaile, Donna Fletcher, Pat Suminski, Dave Tully and Jennifer Wall.

I. **Prayer and Adoration**

II. **Benediction**

III. **Meeting Called to Order**

*(Father Mike & Marcia Frankiewicz)*

IV. **Presentation by Family Ministry Team (“FM Team”)** *(Sara Larson, Anh Clausen, Beth Ennis and Rachel McGrew)*

**FM Team Members:**

- **Sara Larson:** Director of Family Ministry for the four Parish family (10 hours per week); will coordinate efforts among the Parishes and provide ongoing support, supervision and formation of the FM Team. Sara is the designated Family Ministry Coordinator for SSPP.
- **Anh Clausen (OSM) / Beth Ennis (THW) / Rachel McGrew (OLDP):** Family Ministry Coordinators at each Parish (10 hours per week); will focus on building relationships within their Parish, addressing Parish-specific needs (particularly in connection with weekend liturgies), and working collaboratively on ministries shared between all four Parishes.
- **Contact Information:** Sara Larson (larsonsa@archmil.org); Anh Clausen (clausena@archmil.org); Beth Ennis (ennisb@archmil.org); and Rachel McGrew (mcgrewr@archmil.org)

**Goals of FM Team:**

- Develop a collaborative, unified and mission-driven Family Ministry across all four Parishes.
- Provide a personal presence at each Parish (particularly on the weekend) to welcome and build relationships with families.
- Move families from entry points (sacramental preparation and celebration, parish registration, mass attendance) into deeper community and discipleship.
- Form and empower parents to embrace their responsibility as primary teachers and evangelizers within the family.

**First Priorities for Family Ministry Coordinators at OSM, THW, and OLDP**

- Providing a welcoming presence at weekend liturgies, meeting families, and helping them connect to one another and to Parish life.
  - **Beacon Moms:** This group is focused on supporting Moms in the community. Approximately 50 Moms (including some outside of our Parishes) are

participating. They focus on discipleship and forming believers through reflection, play groups, and social activities. The Beacon Moms have also sparked the creation of a similar group for Dads.

- Assessing space and current resources for children at mass and making improvements as needed.
- Evaluating current Parish programs and events to make all Parish opportunities more family-friendly.
- Personally welcoming families in the baptism process and following up with them after baptism.
- Walking with First Communion families through preparation, rehearsals, liturgies, and follow-up.
  - This year's First Communion class was 45 children across all 4 Parishes. The FM Team sponsored a retreat for children and parents in preparation for receiving First Communion.
- Participating in planning and implementation of Good News Adventure summer camp.
  - This year's theme is "Follow Jesus – The Light of the World." Open to all children, not just families in Parish. 108 children registered as of May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning for Future Initiatives:** In September, the FM Team will start thinking about big picture issues and strategies to focus on in the future. CPC members brainstormed and provided the following suggestions for the FM Team to consider:

- Keeping people engaged in the Parishes after baptism, weddings, and other sacraments
- Increasing partnership across existing ministries (*e.g.*, Bob Schuelke's new parishioner ministry)
- Considering options for teen ministry (may be outside the scope of focus for the FM Team)
- Connecting generations (*e.g.* grandparents, parents, children, extended families, *etc.*)
- Increasing communication across the Parishes about events and other family focused efforts

**Lent 2017 Preview:** Sara shared information about the 2017 Lenten Mission and the "Arise Ministry." Save the following dates:

- January 5, 2017 – Tentative date for CPC Workshop to prepare for Arise Ministry
- February 18, 2017 – Arise Ministry Presentation at St. Casimir (7:00-9:00 p.m.)
- March 5, 2017 – Follow-up Session at Saints Peter and Paul (4:00-7:00 p.m.)

## V. **Committees & Commissions** (*Father Mike*)

Father Mike asked for volunteers to serve as liaisons to the following existing committees:

**Human Concerns** (Andrew Musgrave), **Christian Formation** (Chad Griesel) and **Family Ministry** (Sara Larson). Liaisons will attend committee meetings and report back to CPC. The following CPC members volunteered and will reach out to existing committees:

- Tom Ewing – Christian Formation
- Paul Burgoyne – Human Concerns
  - Rosemary Reyes Cuevas will serve as back-up

- Family Ministry – Annette Lucchesi

Marcia Frankiewicz proposed adding a Communication Committee. This committee would also have a liaison from the CPC and would focus on sharing information and events across all Parishes. It may be possible to leverage the staff to coordinate Parish calendars. Marcia, Annette and Pat will collaborate to propose additional ideas for the CPC to consider.

Father Mike and Father Tim are also considering a Stewardship Committee. This committee would be focused on developing a culture of stewardship and encouraging people to invest in the Parishes. Father Mike and Father Tim will discuss more with the CPC this Fall. In the meantime, CPC members should forward any ideas about the Stewardship Committee to Father Mike and Father Tim.

## VII. Miscellaneous

Father Mike shared the CPC schedule of meetings for 2016-2017:

<b>June 30, 2016</b>	6:00 Cookout at Father Tim’s house. <i>Parish staff will also be invited</i>
<b>July 2016</b>	No meeting
<b>August 2016</b>	No meeting
<b>September 22, 2016</b>	7:00-9:00 p.m. (OSM)
<b>October 27, 2016</b>	7:00-9:00 p.m. (OSM)
<b>November 17, 2016</b>	7:00-9:00 p.m. (OSM) <i>Third Thursday due to Thanksgiving</i>
<b>December 15, 2016</b>	7:00-9:00 p.m. (OSM) <i>Third Thursday due to Christmas</i>
<b>January 5, 2017</b>	7:00-9:00 p.m. (OSM) <i>Arise Ministry Workshop</i>
<b>February 23, 2017</b>	7:00-9:00 p.m. (OSM)
<b>March 23, 2017</b>	7:00-9:00 p.m. (OSM)
<b>April 27, 2017</b>	7:00-9:00 p.m. (OSM)
<b>May 25, 2017</b>	7:00-9:00 p.m. (OSM)

In an effort to get to know each other better, CPC members suggested that we create a directory including pictures. Everyone is asked to send contact information (telephone number and email), Parish, and a photograph to Heidi Belongia for creation of a directory.

## VI. Closing Prayer