

Common Pastoral Council
Minutes from the October 27, 2016 Meeting

Members Present: *Father Mike, Father Tim, Katie Falk, Marcia Frankiewicz, Heidi Belongia, Annette Lucchesi, Tom Ewing, Tom Croasdaile, Pat Suminski, Steve Luke, Rosemary Reyes Cuevas, Jenny Mendenhall, Alicia Manning, Diane Bandurski, Jennifer Wall, Jon Kuta, Katy Borowski, Ginny Kollasch, and Dave Tully.*

I. Prayer and Adoration

II. Benediction

III. Meeting Called to Order (*Katie Falk*)

IV. Ministry of Hospitality (*Katie Falk*)

A. Parishioner Engagement (*Bob Schuelke*)

- Bob Schuelke spoke to the CPC about the New Member Engagement Ministry and the New Member Host Ministry.
- With respect to New Member Engagement, the “Welcome Team” includes leadership from all of the parishes and is focused on building relationships with people new to Milwaukee or our parish neighborhoods. The Welcome Team sends out welcome packets, hosts new member dinners and coordinates appropriate follow-up when people are interested in becoming more involved. This includes discussions about stewardship, prayer, learning/studying, and service opportunities for serving the poor and our communities.
- The Host Ministry is a key component to engaging new members welcoming them into our faith communities. The purpose of the host ministry is to increase engagement by intentionally matching new members with existing parishioners who help orient, support, and serve as a personal connection to the parish. The host ministers will personally contact new members, attend Mass, planned parish events or service opportunities together. The overall goal is to create a culture of hospitality and welcome for all people.

Action Item: Bob encouraged the CPC members to volunteer as host ministers and to invite existing members in our respective parishes to do the same. Anyone interested should contact Bob.

B. Hospitality (*By Parish*)

- The CPC discussed best practices for hospitality based on past experiences, including:
 - Designated hospitality ministers greet people as they enter Mass
 - Name tags for parishioners and/or council members to wear at Mass
 - Monthly coffee/donut Sundays
 - Greeting/introducing yourself to others sitting around you before Mass (*e.g.* Father Joe’s practice)
 - Greetings and message of welcome from cantor/lectors before Mass
- At the CPC’s suggestion, Father Tim and Father Mike agreed to encourage people to greet each other in the pews before Mass.

Action Item: Each Parish should discuss next steps for hospitality practices and be prepared to share with CPC at the November meeting.

V. CPC Outreach

- The CPC's first outreach action item will be to enter into an intentional relationship with a new parish in Milwaukee. Father Tim is exploring potential opportunities and will provide additional information at the November meeting.

VI. Feedback from Evangelization Seminar

- Annette Lucchesi shared information and materials from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Evangelization Seminar. The guiding principles included (1) Sunday is Our Day (*Preparing for Worship*), (2) Hospitality is our Joy (*Welcoming All the Children of God*), and (3) Companionship is Our Call (*Growing in the Faith*). Hospitality was a key focus of the meetings including, beginning, developing and sustaining it.
- Videos and more information can be found on the Archdiocese's website.

VII. Communications

Action Item: Marcia Frankiewicz will begin working with Theresa Griesel on the creation of a central calendar for all the parishes.

Action Item: Marcia asked the CPC to suggest people from each parish who may be interested in being part of a communications leadership team for all parishes.

VIII. Synopsis of Arch Deanery Meeting

- Katie Falk and Marcia Frankiewicz attended the deanery meeting and shared key highlights with the CPC. Parish council members from three districts meet quarterly. Detailed minutes can be found on the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's website.

IX. Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

- The CPC shared the upcoming events and activities:
 - November 1st: All Saints Day
 - November 2nd: Vespers Service (Holy Rosary)
 - November 12th: Day of Reflection at Catholic Home
 - November 14th: Pre-Advent Reflection at Holy Rosary Church (Father Joe)
 - November 12-13th: Thanksgiving Grocery Bags (Andrew Musgrave is coordinating)
 - November 19th: Missionary Discipleship Institute (see Rosemary Reyes Cuevas for more information)
 - December 4th: Cookie Sale & Bazaar (St. Casmir's)
- Father Tim shared that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is going to provide burial in Catholic cemeteries and remembrance services for the poor.

X. Closing Prayer

XI. Next Meeting: November 17, 2016

- Agenda may be found on the parish websites.