

Pastoral council meeting (02/21)

Prayer + reflection

Vanessa reflects on the active listening req'd to not only receive from others, but also to absorb ideas different from ours.

How open are we to change? There's a fear that we'll leave a conversation different than when we entered the conversation.

It takes courage for us to call out things that make us uncomfortable, but also to recognize our own shortcomings. That is good synodality.

Different points of view are key for progression in any medium. We should never feel like we have to hold back.

Change takes effort and patience.

When we talk diversity, when we talk inclusivity, the pastoral council should look like who we want to be. Experience from different races and different backgrounds give a degree of authority.

Support groups are important!

Synodality is best when we speak out of our experience.

LA Conference

Lots of seminars there, Colin attended a lot of youth seminars, he heard a lot about how important youth and young adults are. He did 7 total seminars, 18 countries were represented.

Youth (under 18), young adults (18-39): parents have a large role in influencing their role. Ex: Catechism for kids, parents drop their kids off and go. Include them.

It's great to have new people come out and attend, but it's important for us to go out and talk with YA and young families.

Referencing people as younger people and "young at heart" people. One lady described her parish, what you do when there's a collision of young and young at heart people. YAH people we're less open to change

Small groups are key for youth.

Guidance and investment into youth is big, mentee/mentor relationships. When you bring people together, it doesn't always come quick. Going too hard won't be received well.

We're really good at welcome, but we need to work on our retention.

Hispanic Ministry

Bill Donohue is a part of the team, Chuck is on team, Anit Roman (hisp ministry of panhandle)

Discussed how to approach the hispanic outreach.

March 24th — Fr. Andy and Anit will discuss Oscar Romero.

April — How do we reach hisp community in our area?

Student outreach

5 people came out. Dinners may be put on hold as we decide a better approach.

Settling on one consistent location to host the dinners could be in order.

Synodal process

Gil joined synodal group meeting. 66 ppl responded to synodal card passed out after mass.

We (PC) will now be taking over the synodal process.

Parish Directory

Chuck Pierpont will be doing the parish directory. We'll be helping him in the Fall; we'll start looking at companies to help with this.

Ministries Guide

Rosanne Hutton is in charge of updating ministries list.

Vision / Leadership Presentation

Voices — who are we

Values — what do we stand for

—> We see these

Vision — where are we going; our eye

—> Holistic: we can't be one dimensional

- physical
- mental: can we continue to push people to tackle difficult subjects
- emotional: 40% less face-to-face conversations btwn 2003 and 2023.

Are we providing proper support to youth after they move away from Shepherdstown

*what are your tools?

- relationships
- spiritual

What mediums are we using? "Medium is the message."

Next meeting: We'll reflect on Derek's presentation and we bring our thoughts forward about our parish's vision.

We should probably review the comments from the synodal sermon Andy gave.

PC blessing sometime after Lent.