

Pastoral Council Notes
July 17, 2023

Present: Fr. Andy Switzer, Colin Hayden, Christine Wiegman-Green, Patrick Green, Becky Tokarcik, Gil Seteia, Connie Bonner, Bill Sagle, Shana' Harris (via phone)

Gospel reading: Gil Seteia

Prayer: All

Fr. Andy asked the council to spend time contemplating the gospel reading from Matthew 13 (seeds of faith fell on different types of soil...) which was followed by a discussion. What is the Spirit saying to the members of the council? How does this gospel reading relate to the mission of the council?

Christine, Colin, and Fr. Andy proposed a new method for recording notes during the PC meetings. A more succinct method of summarization will be employed to garner the meeting topics.

Picnic

Connie reported on the status and progress of the upcoming picnic. The 8AM Mass on Sunday will be cancelled on the day of the picnic (September 17) with hope that many will attend 10:30 Mass. This keeps with the spirit gathering for the picnic and interaction with other parishioners.

- Crews will be recruited to assist with various needs for the picnic: setup, cleanup, games, food, etc.
- Computer sign-up will be utilized
- Pastoral Council may be asked to assist with sign-up after Masses
- some discussion on how we advertise for the picnic in the weeks prior to it

Retreat

Discussion regarding the Pastoral Council retreat followed the picnic presentation.

- No Pastoral Council meeting in August in lieu of the retreat on the 19th of the month
- Father A read from Habakkuk, chapter 2 (standing watch at my station...I will see what the Lord says to me)
- stressed the importance of learning to listen and discern as themes of the retreat
- a location for the retreat has not been finalized; council members will be informed when a definite location has been secured

New Members

The topic turned to the need for new Pastoral Council members.

- current council members were asked to report on their efforts to recruit new PC members
- four slots are to be filled
- qualifications as per the handbook must be considered

- the idea of alternate PC members was briefly discussed; likely not to be utilized
- bulletin announcement may still be a way to recruit

Directory

- some discussion regarding a new parish directory
- there is a need for a new directory

Small Groups

- there is still no definite timetable for the return of Small Groups