

**Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, September 7, 2017**

I. Opening Prayer – Mary Jane Verbiar was the opening prayer leader.

II. Roll Call – *In attendance:* Heather Jezeskie, Dixie Lochrie, Mary Jane Verbiar, Pat Loughlin, Beth Stem, Fred Oliveros, Kevin Slonka, Rachel Hall and Russ Smith.
Ex Officio in attendance: Fr. Crookston, Fr. Bridges and Senior Deacon John Concannon.

III. Vision and Mission Statements – recited by Council Members.

IV. Review of the Minutes – the minutes of June 8, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

V. Committee Reports

- ❖ **Liturgy** – Senior Deacon John Concannon reported on upcoming Masses and Holy Days of Obligation through the month of November. Our second annual Blue Mass, honoring all First Responders for their dedicated service, will be held on Sunday, September 10th at 11:00 AM. Our annual Anniversary Mass, for married couples and their families celebrating milestone anniversaries, will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, September 17th at 2:00 PM. Bishop Mark will be the Principle Celebrant and Homilist at the Anniversary Mass. All Saints Day is on Wednesday, November 1st and we are reminded that this is a Holy Day of Obligation. The next scheduled Liturgy Committee Meeting is slated for Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 PM.
- ❖ **Education** - Heather Jezeskie reported that CCD classes for the youth of our Cathedral parish will begin on Sunday, September 17th from 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM at the Saint Clare school building on Maple Avenue. It was reported that there are thirty families in our parish with children in grades K-11. Our fall Adult Enrichment sessions will begin on September 12th. There are currently 14 people signed-up to attend these six enrichment sessions. Fr. Crookston reported that either Christ Life or RENEW International will be implemented in our Cathedral Parish in 2018. The next scheduled Education Committee Meeting is set for Monday, September 11th at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Christian Life and Service** – Dixie Lochrie reported that our annual Saint Anne Triduum, that was held July 24th through July 26th, was well attended. The Saint Anne Society annually gives a \$5,000.00 scholarship to Bishop Mark for the education of diocesan seminarians. The society also sponsors two Masses every week for the intentions of its enrolled members. There will be a Birthright Baby Shower following all Masses the weekend of September 23/24. A Community Blood Screening with Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center of Windber is scheduled for October 2018 at the Activities Center. A High Tea is scheduled to be held at the Activities Center on Sunday, May 20, 2018. The price is \$20.00 / person and will also feature a Silent Auction. All proceeds from the High Tea will benefit our Mission Travelers. The next scheduled Christian Life and Service Committee Meeting is slated for Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Maintenance** – Fred Oliveros reported that bids are being sought for the snow guard replacement and roof repair. Fr. Crookston reported that the sewage system at the Activities Center will likely need to be replaced sometime during the summer of 2018. The Cathedral and Rectory sewage replacement will follow in the summer of 2019. The date of the next Maintenance Committee Meeting has yet to be determined.

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- ❖ **Cemetery** - Russ Smith reported that Saint Joseph Cemetery's data entered is 98% completed. HF Lenz has imposed the 1920 map, of Saint John Gualbert Cemetery, over the Google map of the cemetery to notate areas that differ from the original map. Fr. Crookston reported that we are now seeking the addresses of the living descendants of those that are interred at Saint Joseph Cemetery. The next scheduled Cemetery Committee Meeting is slated for Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Finance** – Fred Oliveros reported that Saint John Gualbert Cathedral's fiscal year had ended on June 30, 2017. Fr. Crookston reported that our Cathedral Parish has surpassed its goal for the Catholic Ministries Drive. The second Sunday collection will be earmarked for the sewage replacement projects that will soon take place at the Activities Center, Rectory and the Cathedral. The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for some time during the week of November 15th at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Youth** – Rachel Hall reported that classes at both Divine Mercy Catholic Academy and Bishop McCort are now in session for the 2017 / 2018 school year.
- ❖ **Proclaim! TV** – Fr. Bridges reported that WATM-TV ABC 23 will soon begin to livestream its programming including the live Mass telecast from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral.

VI. Old Business – The continuation of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Communities of Salt and Light.

VII. New Business – Council members were asked to come to the next meeting with one topic that they would like to discuss and possibly see either implemented and/or expanded on within our parish.

VIII. Next Meetings – Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 2, May 3 and Jun. 7

IX. Closing Prayer – Mary Jane Verbiar was the closing prayer leader.

X. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Smith

Russ Smith – Pastoral Council Secretary