

**Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday, April 2, 2018**

I. Opening Prayer – Lonnie Rietscha proclaimed the Gospel: John 20:19-31 (Jesus Appears to His Disciples Behind Locked Doors) Council members participated in a *Group Faith Sharing on the Sunday Gospel*.

II. Roll Call – *In attendance:* Heather Jezeskie, Dixie Lochrie, Mary Jane Verbiar, Beth Stem, Fred Oliveros, Kevin Slonka, Rachel Hall and Russ Smith.
Ex Officio in attendance: Fr. Crookston and Fr. Bridges.
Guest in attendance: Lonnie Rietscha

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

IV. Review of the Minutes – The minutes of March 8, 2018 were reviewed and approved.

V. Committee Reports

- ❖ **Liturgy** – No Report. Fr. Crookston noted a “Thank You” to all who participated in all ministries for making our Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Liturgies beautiful and uplifting. The Liturgy Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Education** – Heather Jezeskie reported that Sunday, April 29th will be the last CCD class for this term. Confirmation for the youth of our parish will be held on Thursday, April 5th at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. There will be an ARISE meeting for our parish ARISE Team held at Resurrection Parish on Monday, April 16th. Fr. Crookston noted that our parish’s CCD classes will be moving from the current Saint Clare location next fall. There will be a Religious Education meeting in May to decide where the youth of our parish will attend CCD in the fall. The next Education Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Christian Life and Service** – Dixie Lochrie reported that our annual Wine Tasting will be held on Saturday, April 21st from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at the Activity Center. Tickets for the Wine Tasting are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. You MUST BE 21 to attend. There will be a High Tea and Handbag Extravaganza held on Sunday, May 20th at the Activity Center. The next Christian Life and Service Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Maintenance** – Fred Oliveros reported that an alternative material is under consideration for the replacement of the limestone on the front porch of the Cathedral. The Maintenance Committee is waiting to hear from the City of Johnstown for a date by which the sewage replacement at both the Activity Center and Cathedral will have to be completed. The next Maintenance Committee Meeting will take place sometime during the week of April 23rd at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Cemetery** – Russ Smith reported that many more addresses are needed of those who either are plot owners or of families of those who have loved ones interred in either Saint Joseph or Saint John Gualbert cemeteries. There is a letter being drafted to seek donations to help defray the increasing costs involved in the maintenance and upkeep of both cemeteries. The next Cemetery Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Finance** – Fred Oliveros reported that the Cathedral’s year to date Financial Report was covered during their last meeting. Fr. Crookston reported that we are on track for attaining our goal to

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the Catholic Ministries Drive. The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for sometime during the week of May 14th at 6:00 PM.

- ❖ **Youth** – Rachel Hall reported that over \$27,000 was collected through the Mini Thon Event that benefits Childhood Cancer. Confirmation will be held for our parish's students on Thursday, April 5th at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral.
- ❖ **Proclaim! TV** – Fr. Bridges reported that Proclaim! TV's live Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday telecasts of the Mass were excellent. There has been an increase of Memorial Gifts and family requested "in lieu of" gifts to our TV Ministry in honor of departed loved ones. New volunteers are always welcome to join the Proclaim! TV Ministry. Proclaim will be checking on the costs involved to go "High Definition" with their telecasts. High definition telecasting will become required by the FCC in the near future and Proclaim will have to comply in order for the TV Ministry to continue. Succession planning has now begun with our Proclaim! TV Ministry.

VI. Old Business – Involvement with our diverse neighbors will have their next meeting on Monday, April 16th at Eastside Elementary School. Larry Olek's article/initiative on the intervention to halt violence is now with the Rotary Club of Johnstown.

VII. New Business – There was no new business.

VIII. Next Meetings – May 3, June 7

IX. Closing Prayer – A Group Prayer was said by Council Members.

X. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Smith

Russ Smith – Pastoral Council Secretary