

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, May 28, 2020

- I. **Opening Prayer** – Fr. Crookston
- II. **Roll Call** –
In attendance: Charlotte Amenti, Pat Loughlin, David Wilson, Fred Oliveros, Geoffrey Stumpo, John Wise, Dixie Lochrie, and Mary Jane Verbiar
Ex Officio in attendance: Fr. Crookston and Fr. Bridges
- III. **Vision and Mission Statements** – recited by council members.
- IV. **Review of the Minutes** – The minutes of the March 5, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - ❖ **Liturgy** - Charlotte Amenti and Fr. Crookston reported that Bishop Mark had released extensive guidelines for Parishes in the Diocese to begin offering the Sacraments again publicly. As of this meeting, private masses only continue as safety, and organizational protocols are being implemented in the Cathedral to reintegrate the Sacraments with the public over the coming weeks. Public Communion begins on June 7 via a drive-thru and walk-up system at the Saint John Gualbert Activity Center. Parishioners of all parishes are welcome to drive through one of two lanes in the Activity Center parking lot or walk up by foot on the front sidewalk to receive the Body of Christ. Public Masses are planned to resume the weekend of June 13/14 with social distancing & mask observances, limits on capacity, stationary collection posts, sanitary arrangements, removal of permanent fixtures like missals and books, and other pandemic protocols. Sunday Mass schedules will remain the same, but the Cathedral will be limited to 80 seating positions per Mass with groupings who sit together at Mass, such as the same household/families/married couples counting as one seating position. The Cathedral may allow for up to eight overflow seating positions in the Saint Anne Shrine if demand requires, during the 11:00 Proclaim! TV Live telecast only there may be an additional overflow of roughly 70 individual seating positions located at the Saint John Gualbert Activity Center where the faithful can watch via live television and receive live communion via Eucharistic Ministers transporting the Body of Christ up the street from the Cathedral to the Activity Center. Parishioners can reserve a spot for their Mass of choice by calling the Cathedral. The 5 pm Saturday and 5 pm Sunday Masses are expected to fill up quickly, but those who miss out on their Mass of Choice one week will be given the first call the following week. The next meeting is to be rescheduled.
 - ❖ **Education** - David Wilson reported that Sister Honora is contacting all Catechumens and Catechumenates to make safe arrangements to resume studies. Due to the pandemic, Confirmations will be rescheduled and performed mostly by Parish Pastors with smaller gatherings and other special arrangements. The next meeting is to be rescheduled.

- ❖ **Christian Life and Services** – Dixie Lochrie and others reported that CL&S still expects to serve at Sunday’s Kitchen on Father’s Day. Also, the May 2020 mission trip to Jamaica had to be postponed until tentatively May 2021 due to the pandemic. The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2020, at 6:00 pm.
- ❖ **Maintenance** – Fred Oliveros and Fr. Crookston reported the March meeting was canceled due to the pandemic; however, since then, a drain clogged on the roof of the Cathedral, causing a significant water leak into the Sacristy. This problem was remedied but will likely require more serious attention in the future. The next meeting is to be rescheduled.
- ❖ **Cemetery** – Fr. Crookston reported police informed him that the Saint Joseph’s Cemetery wall was involved in two recent hit-and-run accidents with a potential suspect found in at least one of the two incidents. Mapping of the Cemetery continues by HF Lenz with help from Parish staff working outside during the pandemic. The next meeting is to be rescheduled.
- ❖ **Finance** – Fr. Crookston reported the Cathedral received roughly \$30,700 in federal aid to cover payroll expenses during the pandemic. If the money is spent on payroll expenses, it will not need to be repaid but otherwise acts as a low-interest loan. Overall, donations to the Cathedral are down significantly during the pandemic; however, the Cathedral did also receive one or two extremely gracious gifts to make up for some of the difference. The next meeting is to be rescheduled.
- ❖ **Proclaim! TV** – Fr. Bridges reported the bills to continue to be paid, newsletters continue to circulate, and the Proclaim! TV Live Mass has returned to Johnstown after being away in Altoona for a few weeks due to the pandemic. The succession plan for Fr. Bridges and Dino Tessari continues to unfold, and the search for their successors continues. The next meeting is to be rescheduled.

VI. Old Business – Deanery Pastoral Council gathered for the first time on Thursday, May 21, for a preliminary meeting. Their next meeting is planned for June 29.

VII. New Business – Some Pastoral Council members have reached term limits or are leaving otherwise, so several new names are needed to add to the selection pool. Also, a group called the New Catechumenate Way was interested in meeting with our Parish before the pandemic, so we hope to hear from them soon.

VIII. Next Meeting – June 18, 2020, at 7 pm

IX. Closing Prayer – Fr. Bridges

X. Adjourned – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Geoffrey Stumpo – Interim Pastoral Council Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS: *Annual Mass of Anointing* (Please, Call-in) Monday, July 13, 7 pm, and - if needed- Tuesday, July 14, 7 pm. *Saint Anne Triduum*, Monday-Wednesday, July 27-29, 7 pm.