

# Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Notes, April 30, 2025

- PPC Members in attendance: Mimi Madrid, Alex Miniell, Gail Graham, Jean Mense, Martha Zamorano, Ed Gallagher, Fr. Jaime Rivera, Stephen Sheahan, and Fr. Juan Areiza.
- Father Juan opened the meeting with a prayer.
- **New Parishioner Brunch (Mimi)**
  - Mimi reported the Newcomer's Brunch was successful with seven new families attending,
  - She will work with Martha to determine a new date in November.
- **Ministry Module (Martha)**
  - The ministry module (Mission Pathways) is available through Sunday Visitor which handles the bulletins. It was used for Alpha sessions in 2021. It is estimated to be \$2000 annually.
  - Martha showed a 7 minute video that covered the software called Mission Pathways. It was used to support an Archdiocese effort called Cultivating Discipleship.
  - Discussion was about how we might be able to use it or if it would be applicable for our ministries.
  - Martha will follow up with the Archdiocese to determine if any other parishes are currently using the software and if so, what they use it for exactly and to gather any material that might enable the Council to understand the Cultivating Discipleship program that could provide a context for evaluating the Mission Pathways software.
- **Pastoral Council Strategic Initiatives (Stephen)**
  - Stephen talked about four potential initial projects for the Council as we move into more strategic work:
    - o Expanding Council participation to better reflect the diversity of our parish demographic and provide leadership opportunities to more of our people,
    - o Augmenting succession planning initiatives by encouraging a co-leadership model for the Ministries to ensure ministerial sustainability,
    - o Encouraging and increasing communication between parishioners and Council members
    - o Initiating outreach to Pastoral Councils at other parishes to model cross-parish synodality and explore opportunities for collaboration.
    - o Partner with Faith Formation team to augment the program with additional offerings in the near term and contribute to a plan for their sustainability.
  - There were no concerns expressed about this initial set of five project but it was agreed this discussion needs to be continued at our next meeting after more of the council members had a chance to read and think about it more. Father Juan felt the most important of the five projects would be the third one: to encourage and increase communication between parishioners and council members.

- **Ministry Sharing Sessions (Jean)**

- Jeff and Jean have worked on a plan for a Ministry Sharing Session on Saturday, 9/27/25. This is in response to the feedback from the Ministry Workshop held on March 1. The plan includes an email to be sent out on May 1 from Gail Graham to announce the Sharing Session and potential topics to cover. This session will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include 30 minutes for coffee & welcome, 2 Brainstorming sessions of one hour each covering 2 different topics and will conclude with a lunch in the parish hall to continue sharing ideas.
- Gail will forward the email in both English and Spanish tomorrow.
- Jean and Jeff will continue to finalize the agenda and requirements to support the sessions planned including how to handle language translations, finalizing the topics, etc. . .

- **Pastor's Update (Fr. Juan)**

- Father Juan spoke about the end of the school year approaching. There are ~75 students being confirmed and ~102 making their first communion. Seth recently left and moved back to Louisiana but Abby has hired one full-time person and one part time person to replace him. The Faith Formation office is completely staffed at this time.
- Father Juan is on vacation 5/26 - 6/17.

- **Giving Garden (Mimi)**

- Mimi is working with a representative for Jose Contreras regarding the retaining wall for the Giving Garden. Mr. Contreras (a parishioner and former MLB player) is interested in contributing to the parish and may be willing to donate the money for the Giving Garden project.

- **Our next meeting is scheduled for 6/25/25 at 6:00 pm. Because the Council will not meet in May, it was agreed that - to avoid losing time on key projects - the work described above should proceed with members updating their colleagues by note prior to our next meeting in June.**

- A concluding prayer was conducted by Fr. Juan

Submitted by Jean Mense