

**Church of the Incarnation
Pastoral Council Minutes
April 9, 2019**

Present: Fr. Gregory, Meg Bojarski, Heidi Brown, Caroline Cook, Jose Cuenca, Rich DiMeglio, Jan Ferrance, Carole Hatcher, Jose Luis Hernández, Elaine McGrath and Tif Reynolds
(*Absent: Fr. Jaime, Brent Browning, Stephenie Drauschak, Jerry Hendrick, Roxana Roblero and Laure Taylor*)

I. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

II. Opening Prayer/Reflection - Rich DiMeglio

III. Pastor's Report -- Fr. Gregory

- **Annual Diocesan Appeal:** Izzy compared data from the first in-pew appeal weekend of 2018 and 2019. After opening week in 2018, the Diocese met its \$3 million goal and 58 parishes went above their target amounts. This year at the same point, the Diocese raised only 23 percent of the \$3 million goal (\$700,000) and no parishes met their target. Then Carole spoke at the weekend Masses and following her testimony, Incarnation is \$10,000 over goal having raised \$50,000.

IV. Chair's Report -- Caroline Cook

- **Alumni Event:** Caroline and Ed are leading a May 15 dinner at Incarnation for former Pastoral and Finance Council members for conversation and fellowship. They want to inform these alumni about what we have done in both groups over the past year. It will be an opportunity to talk to people and hear their thoughts and questions. Caroline invited any PC members to let her know by May 1 if they would like to attend. She will have an update for the Pastoral Council about the May 15 meeting when we meet in June. (Heidi will create nametags for the dinner).
- **Listening Project:** The deadline is April 25 for Pastoral Council members to submit their responses from their ministry interviews. Several council members who have already met with their ministries said it was a positive experience and they enjoyed getting to know those they interviewed.
- **Discernment Process:** Announcements began April 6-7 weekend for parishioners to discern joining Pastoral Council. Here are some important dates:
 - April 27/28 -- Caroline has the following people signed up to help make announcements during the Masses: Jan at 5:30p.m. Saturday; Caroline at 9a.m. Sunday; Jose Luis at 1:30p.m. Sunday, and Elaine at 4:30p.m. Sunday.
 - April 30 -- the deadline for nominations.
 - May 5 -- there will be a session between the 9a.m. and 11a.m. Masses for parishioners interested in discerning for Pastoral Council.

V. Mid-Atlantic Congress Video

Fr. Gregory shared a video from this conference which featured keynote speaker Bishop Richard Henning on his views about the church abuse scandal. Pastoral Council members discussed the 45-minute talk afterward.

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Rich closed with prayer

VII. Next Meeting Dates

Executive Council, 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 26 at Greenberry Coffee
Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, at Incarnation (*Carole has prayer/Stephanie has snack*)

Respectfully submitted, Heidi Brown, Secretary