

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Pastoral Council
May 15th, 2021 Meeting Summary
9-10:30AM (virtual meeting on ZOOM)

Attendees:

Cara Bouchie, Linda Bouchie, Andy Brindisi, Fran Chabot, Joe Datta, Kate Deasy, Dee Kurowski, Marianne Policastro, Claudia Surprenant, Deacon Joe MacNeill, Fr. Marcin, Fr. Jaime

Meeting began at 9:04 AM

Welcome and Opening Prayer

- Opening prayer was led by Marianne.

Pastoral Council Meeting Summary Review

- Review and Acceptance of meeting notes for March 20, 2021.

New Business

Parish Updates

- General Parish Updates
 - Finance Council Audit Report went really well. Financially we are doing well and books are in order.
 - We are reopening a second building for schooling because we have so much participation, and need room for the preschool.
- Staffing
 - Worship Team is in the process of hiring new leader of music in mid-June (12 applications).
 - Fr Jaime is in the process of hiring a Leader for Communications before July 1
 - Fr Marcin met with staff of Saint James.
- Parish Council
 - Meetings will start back up September 11th.
 - While this is typically the last meeting of the term before position changes, hold current positions to the end of 2021 to help with the merger, and leave any open positions for representatives of St James Church.
- Merger:
 - Arch Bishop's letter has been sent out and news has been included in the Journal Inquirer.
 - Moving to St. James Rectory.
 - Establishing a transition team (4 people from each Parish).
 - No current talk of Parish name changes.

- We have experience of a merger, so bring wisdom and positivity into conversations about this new merger.
- Reopening
 - We are going to do this step by step, and slowly increase capacity one week at a time.
 - Do not want to scare anyone away by moving too quickly.
 - We will not be adding any Masses to the additional schedule until July where they will re-evaluate the need.
- Ordination
 - June 26th, and we are hoping this will be open to a decent attendance for anyone who is interested in going.
 - Deacon Joe and Deacon Matt will be ordained.

Updates and next steps on Rebuilt Process

- Small Groups
 - There are 5 new groups and all have started meeting.
 - Plan to include St James' members in these groups to make sure they have continued support through this transition period.
- Coaching Program
 - Focused on how to help Parish develop a vision and implement it in 1 year.
 - Getting feedback and identifying opportunities for development.
 - How to develop new Homily series
 - Being realistic in what can be accomplished in 6-9 months.
 - How to bring people together with a single vision (helpful in light of our merger).
 - We are one of the first to be implementing schools into this vision
- Bengali Community
 - Already providing some Masses in Bengali.
 - Hope to have a full religious education program.
 - Only Parish in USA and Canada to have someone on the staff dedicated to this effort.

Closing Prayer

- Closing prayer led by Dee

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Planned Future Meetings:

- Next Parish Council Meeting scheduled for Saturday September 11, 2021 (via Zoom)

*Notes submitted by:
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