

## St. Mary Catholic Faith Community Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2016

Present: Julie Behrman, Colleen Czajka, Carol Stachowiak, Clem Budny,  
Fr. Brian Mason, Matt Cool, Suzie Ryer, Eric Karakis, Jim Maro, Mary Koman,  
Gina Styer, Fred Matestic, Tim Reidy, Tom Fredrickson  
Excused: Jim Schubilski

This was the first meeting with new council members (Fred Matestic, Tim Reidy, Tom Fredrickson, Gina Styer), who were elected by the Council following the discernment process during May-June. Father Brian led the opening prayer (next week's gospel) and reflection.

### **Video presentation: A Call to Serve, by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee**

- Shown to all council discernment candidates, and now is being shown to the rest of the council per the Archdiocese' recommendation
- According to the Archbishop, there are 3 key things to understand:
  - we are called to leadership
  - we are sent to carry out the mission of Jesus
  - the Church is organized to carry out the mission
- After viewing the video, the Council members reflected on what we saw and how the message applies to our vision/direction

### **Dr. Gibson follow up**

- Detailed questionnaire sent to Fr. Brian
- Fr. Brian wants to sit down with Dr. Gibson to better understand the order of events (i.e. do we address the items in the questionnaire and then get into planning, or do we focus on planning then address the questionnaire based on the planning?)
- Fr. Brian will update the Council as he connects with Dr. Gibson

### **Mission & Vision discussion**

- There is growing energy around rediscovering our mission
- For years we were an inward-looking Church; we have forgotten we are called to be outward-looking missionaries
  - A call to evangelize was introduced by Pope Paul VI
- How/where do we as Council see evangelization happening here?
  - Smatterings happening already (booth at the festival)
  - Some grass roots things are happening (prayer groups)
  - There is difficulty defining what 'evangelization' even means
  - Evangelization first and foremost is telling people about Jesus Christ
    - Telling someone why Jesus is such an integral figure in my life, regardless of whether or not those people ask

- It's not knocking on doors; it's people at church realizing they are called to be missionaries and to share our faith
  - As Catholics, we have made 'being Catholic' very simple and minimal with boxes to check (attend Mass, send kids to catechesis or school or sacraments, give/donate, etc.)
  - Most parishes in the USA are maintaining what they have
    - Membership and contributions are declining
- Immediate opportunities exist for the Council to evangelize
  - Fr. Brian could articulate his vision to the parish

### **Leadership Day**

- September 30 and October 1
- Fr. Brian handed out A Vision for the Future: Evangelization and the Sunday Mass, which came from a synod held two years ago
- Council members will attend one or the other
- Attendees from around the archdiocese will be there (the goal is 500 attendees both Friday and Saturday)

### **Council business**

- Meeting attendance, commission attendance are mandatory duties of council members
- Discernment of officers for 2016-2017 Council:
  - Council Chair: Julie Behrman
  - Council Vice-Chair: Suzie Ryer
  - Council Secretary: Colleen Czajka
- Commission Liaisons
  - School Commission: Tim Reidy
  - Outreach/Social Concerns Commission: Jim Maro
  - Pastoral Care Commission: Fred Matestic
  - Lifelong Faith Formation Commission: Tom Fredrickson
  - Spiritual Life and Worship Commission: Gina Styer, Mary Komen
  - Finance Council: Eric Karakis, Matt Cool
  - Archdiocesan Deanery Parish Representatives:  
Carol Stachowiak, Julie Behrman
- Pastoral Council Commission Liaisons and Deanery Reps were reminded that they are to prepare a brief report following attendance at Commission/Deanery meetings to share at Pastoral Council meetings.

### **Closing prayer – Fr. Brian**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Karakis