

1. Our first meeting for the year 2020-2021 was held virtually through Zoom and began with a prayer. This year's members are Jonathan Latko (chair), Wanda Garcia, Henry Szychulski, Laura Mena, Sr. Linda Taber, IHM, Jim Bezila, Delia Lugo, and Carlos Vazquez.
2. We reviewed the Pastoral Report 2019-2020 recently completed and available on the parish website (Spanish version in process). We discussed **the Perennial Questions**
 - **What is it that the parishioners want (programs, faith formation ideas)?**
 1. The new initiative this year through Zoom, Parish Conversations, on various pressing issues will be held the second Tuesday of the month and also available on the parish Facebook page. Please consider participating.
 2. Parishioners need to make known what they would like to see to support their spiritual growth.
 3. We will have an Advent presentation in December.
 - **How to get people involved? How to get people to volunteer?**
 1. House of Charity Team: 2 people from each Mass are needed. We have two from the 10 am Mass at St. Joseph's Polish at present but no one else has volunteered from the other two Masses.
 2. New Initiative: Walking with Moms in Need (a yearlong program that came from the Bishops' November meeting to help pregnant moms) See Mariannie Zayas for more information.
 3. More involvement & membership from Santo Nombre y Las Damas
 - a. Baby Bottle (Las Damas) & Diaper Drive (Santo Nombre)
 - b. Rice Bowl (Confirmation students)
 4. What else
 - a. Journey of Hope: outreach ministry to cancer patients & their family. Elva Vazquez & Dan Diaz have been trained in this program. Others previously expressed interest in helping. Training will be made available from VITALity Program of the diocese. Please let us know if interested in assisting.
 - **What spiritual growth do we want or need?**
 1. Is there any interest in First Friday & Salesian Novena to the Sacred Heart?
 - a. 10-12 Exposition (six half hour slots)
 - b. Mass 12:05
 - c. Benediction and Novena after Mass
3. Updates
 - **Building & Facility Projects:**
 - Organ, Terrazzo Floors, Sanctuary Lighting, Damaged stained-glass window & Station of the Cross completed
 - Two "welcoming signs" of Mickey's artwork on display on Market & on Broadway Streets
 - Camera for livestreaming Sunday Masses (projected started)
 - New sign at parking lot entrance to be completed "Be who you are and be that well"
 - Repairing of Sacred Heart and John Paul II altars at St. Joseph's and erection of a St. Joseph statue at Mausoleum...all an *in memoriam* gift (project started)

- **House of Charity:**
 - This year's goal: \$53,127.00
 - Tonight: **\$31,413 or 59 %** of goal (70 donors)
 - Team for this year's campaign: **Theresa Purzycki**
 - Next Year's Campaign: Bishop wants 10; let's get two from each of the three Masses
- **In-Process:**
 - Prayer Meeting once a month for outreach to the **LGBTQ** community and their family
 - **Parish Census:** Mariannie & Aga will coordinate this much needed project which will entail all of us completing the form being developed.

4. aMAYzing Raffle: ticket sales \$7995 (parish proceeds \$4027.50)

- can we make this better? Get a team to move it along?
- Do we look for another parish fundraiser?
- Covid-19 prohibited us from having a Coach bingo night

5. Financial Update

- 6. Pastoral Plan Work: five-year plan (2021-2026) We may not be far off from presenting this to the parishioners.** This must be reviewed and completed ASAP but well and in light of the next pandemic. Mariannie, Delia, Laura Mena, Srs. Linda & Claire will meet with me next week to ensure that the recommendations and priorities of the V Encuentro process and the EASTeR project from the Convocation held last year are represented. In the interim, the members of the pastoral council will review the working document for edits, additions or deletions in preparation for final version to be approved at the November meeting.

EASTeR Project: Convocation of Catholic Leaders

In preparation for the Convocation of Catholic Leaders: Joy of the Gospel, the delegates met on four separate occasions going over preparatory documents and forming what is known as an EASTeR project. The acronym stands for a plan that is **Entrepreneurial, Accountable, Serves, Transforms, and Reaches** out. Throughout all of this, I mentioned to the delegates that whatever we devise, it must become part of the five-year pastoral plan that we have begun to undertake as a pastoral council. Implicit in this is incorporating the findings of the V Encuentro as well. The five-year plan will need another year to devise as we must do this well and we have much to consider. There was a lot of input toward the "final" EASTeR project that still needs to be "finetuned" and later considered for inclusion in the pastoral plan. In the interim, we will turn our focus to a resolution made at the end of the Convocation of Leaders as a starting point for new growth and new vision. The following is what we tasked ourselves with at the conclusion of the convocation.

Entrepreneurial

We will grow our community in number and in spirit. We will seek to establish external community relationships.

- Priority on invitation especially to the young while not neglecting the elderly and homebound (provide ongoing spiritual and social activities)

- Be good neighbors (monthly preparing and serving meal at Joseph House); fuller participation in various special second collections

Accountable

- Update parish census. Conduct bimonthly Mass counts. Assess parish functions and outreach initiatives yearly. Strengthen hospitality and homebound ministerial efforts.

Serve, Transform and Reach Out

- Define yearly religious and social community builders and outreach ministry. Challenge parishioners to grow (personally and communally), so as to integrate faith and life.

7. **Meeting Dates** (6:30 start): Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 9, (second Tuesday), Mar 2, Apr6, May 4, Jun 1