

St Joseph Catholic Church

Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting September 21, 2022

Present were:

	Leanne Southerland	Michael Alexander
Fr. Will Rooney (Assoc. Pastor)	Taylor Schroll	Lorian Dusek
Al Flores (Chair)	Anna Damian	Donna Hanus
Lis Soto (Secretary)	Christina Robertson	

Absent:

Matt Rice, Dennis Hoffman, Donnie Victorick

Opening Prayer led by Father Will Rooney 6:03 p.m.

Pastoral update by Father Will Rooney

Religious Education enrollment is less on Sunday than in previous years. Those families appear to be moving to the Family Faith Formation model, which is the parish goal.

Michael A. reported that there are currently 3 Alpha courses running this fall: Sunday has 51 participants and team, Tuesday has 45, and Youth Alpha (through Ablaze) has begun. The Newlyweds Alpha was absorbed into the Tuesday night Alpha.

An Alpha continuation team (A.C.T.) was commissioned by Fr. Brian to oversee the continuation of the Alpha courses by helping select core team members, training the teams, promoting and marketing Alpha, and determining the schedule dates.

Taylor S. reported that the fall Foundations class has 27 registered. Two individuals, Allison Sullivan and Sam Schoenfelder, are in training to lead the Foundations course in the future, as demand grows as more people complete Alpha. Taylor is videotaping the lessons and publishing them on his YouTube channel Forte Catholic for those participants who miss a session or two. The Foundations course is based on a Franciscan University catechism manual.

Fr. Will announced that 2 couples from St. Paul's Outreach (SPO) have been invited as missionaries to build up our young adult community: Rick & Brit Erisman and Sam & Patricia Schoenfelder. Lorian D. and Anna D. suggested that Fr. Will introduce them to the parish. SPO's goal is to build missional communities forming lifelong disciples.

Strategic Thinking

Discussion focused on our Mission Statement/Discipleship Pathway and how to continue introduce it to the parish and implement it into every ministry. The Pastoral Council agreed on this draft/working Mission Statement: "To be a place to meet, know, live, and share Jesus

Christ together.” Father Will will be holding a Parish Leadership Team (PLT) workshop with office staff soon to pilot the process of integrating our Mission Statement/Discipleship Pathway into the daily life and activities of the parish (see draft image below).

Discussion focused on how this looks in action and how success could be measured. In 10 years, we plan to help 5,000 people become intentional disciples. With Alpha, Foundations, and Quads running, we are well on our way.

Other Business

Leanne S. suggested that St. Joseph Church could hold a “parish mission” this Advent or next Lent to keep feeding the spiritually awakened Alpha graduates. Taylor S. offered to put it together. It could be a 1-3 day mission with speakers, singers and sacraments. Food trucks could be invited to provide food. The event would align with St. Joseph being a place where we meet, know, live, and share Jesus Christ together.

Fr. Will invited all to attend the 75th anniversary of the Austin Diocese. A celebration will be held in Belton.

Christina R. requested music to be added back to the 7am masses.

Closing Prayer led by Anna Damian.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wed. Oct 19, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted by
Lis Soto, Secretary

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"Discipleship Pathway"

