

St Joseph Catholic Church

Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting
Sept. 15, 2021

Present were:

Fr. Brian Eilers (Pastor)
Al Flores (Chair)
Lis Soto (Secretary)
Donnie Victorick

Dennis Hoffman
Anna Damian
Michael Alexander
Lorian Dusek (by zoom)

Donna Hanus
Matt Rice
Christina Robertson
Leanne Southerland

Absent:

Tony Cruz

Opening Prayer led by Father Brian 6:07 p.m.

Mission Statement of the Pastoral Council

We reviewed and summarized our discussions from our strategic planning meeting on August 20, 2021. Our draft mission statement we developed in August is "Meet, Know, Live, and Share Christ".

We are still polishing our goals and mission. The preliminary mission for our Pastoral Council is for "St. Joseph Catholic Church to be a place to meet, know, live, and share Jesus Christ."

Team Building

Michael A. taught the group about team function. We discussed and completed two exercises to increase our Pastoral Council's trust of each other and vulnerability with each other. The objective of the exercises was to

- Use constructive conflict to generate ideas that help St. Joseph Church fulfill its missions, commitment to each other, our mission, and to St. Joseph
- Hold each other accountable for actions, behaviors, and decisions, and focus on the results of and within our parish.

Exercises included:

1. Each PC member sharing information about our past to create more trust through low-risk vulnerability
2. Sharing our individual strengths and weaknesses to increase team function, increase trust, and practice accountability.

The exercises were adapted from the book The Five Dysfunctions of a Team by Patrick Lencionio.

Process of Missionary Discipleship

Father Brian led a discussion about the Christian Growth Cycle.

Most people begin with trusting someone that has a positive association with Jesus Christ. Then they grow in curiosity about Jesus and the Christian faith. Then they become open to the possibility of personal and spiritual change. Next, they must move past passive learning to an urgent spiritual quest to determine if they can commit to Christ in His Church. A beginning

Disciple has a change of attitude and a desire to grow and improve. A growing disciple seeks interior growth through sacrifices, sacraments, practicing works of mercy and virtues, and stays open to the Holy Spirit. Finally, a Missionary Disciple actively strives to win people over to Jesus through activities inside and outside the church, such as leading small group Bible studies and sharing of themselves to other's who are earlier in the Christian Growth Cycle.

Each PC member shared where they believed they are in the cycle, key events along their faith journey, and listened to feedback from other PC members about their perceptions of their current location in the Christian Growth Cycle.

The Christian Growth Cycle was originally shared by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and was used with permission.

Ministries Update

At our next PC meeting on Oct. 20, 2021, we will analyze each church ministry at St. Joseph's and rank their importance and purpose/goals, relative to the Christian Growth Cycle, within our mission of "St. Joseph Catholic Church is a place where people meet, know, live, and share Jesus Christ."

Closing Prayer led by Donnie Victorick.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully Submitted by
Lis Soto, Secretary