

CPC Meeting - MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022 (Collaborative Office Conference Room)

Attendees: Fr. Jim Laughlin, Carolyn Anderson, Kelly Meraw, Mary Lemire-Campion, Rose Mary Donahue, Dorene Christi, Mary Mullen, Russ Morton, Michael Mastrianni, Katie Hamel

Absent: Donna Norwood, Eugenia Kennedy, Doug Smith, Odessa Sanchez, Julie Byrne

MEETING MINUTES

Michael Mastrianni led us in opening prayer

Commission Update: Saint Vincent de Paul - Dr. Tom Gaziano, President

- Tom reviewed the SVDP mission to serve those in need and for participants to grow in holiness
- More families and individuals are in need, and the costs of assistance have increased
- The CPC supports a Fall fundraising activity and discussed ways to increase awareness of and participation in the the organization

Pastor's Perspective

Lenten Programs/Holy Week/Easter

- Dare to Dream (Pope Francis) book discussion sessions have been well attended
- A large number of people gathered to hear Dr. James O'Connell talk about his work with and founding of Boston Healthcare for the Homeless. This organization will be the recipient of this year's Collaborative Lenten Gift.
- Mailings and emails have communicated the Lenten program offerings to parishioners.

POWIR Update

- All of the young men now have jobs and a social evening is being planned by our Young Professionals Group
- There is still a need for Wegman's or Star Market gift cards

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

- Listening Session dates have been scheduled. The biggest need is for scribes to facilitate the meetings and Kelly requested volunteers. Sessions will be held both on and off site.
- Beginning on Easter, cards posing questions and requesting feedback will be in the pews or in the back of the churches.
- Feedback from parishioners may help to inform pastoral planning for the coming year.

SPECIAL TOPICS

- Heard in the Pews aka Eyes and Ears: We discussed formalizing plans to solicit feedback but decided to postpone until after the Synod listening sessions have been completed.
- Discussed Summer Mass Schedule which will be as follows: St. John- Saturday 5 pm & Sunday 11 am; St. Paul - Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 9 am. There is interest in having outdoor Masses during the summer, but since it involves considerable work to set up and take down, it was decided that we would schedule on a few specific dates, TBD.
- Topics to be discussed at a future meeting
 - CPC Strategic Goals for 2022-23
 - Collaborative Celebrations of major events such as baptisms, anniversaries
 - Outreach for volunteers including lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
 - How to effectively reach out to current and potential parishioners - communication campaign

Next Meeting: Monday, April 25 (This date was changed to Tuesday, May 2 due to a scheduling conflict)