

## **Minutes For Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting- August 16, 2016**

*Present:* Maureen Hogan (President), Kevin Anderson (Secretary), Pat Codney, Katy Doman, Joel Gordon, Daniel Krage, Shirley Marsh, Alene Tuttle, Diane Woerner

*Absent:* Daryl Blatnick

*Also Present:* Father Kalista, Elayne Kramer

Meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Minutes will be submitted to the whole council by no later than Friday. Council should approve by Monday

*Role of Parish Council:*

- Parish Council (and its members) is Father Kalista's "eyes and ears." Our role is an advisory one to Father.
- As time moves on, subcommittees might prove beneficial.

*List of Parish Activities: August-October:*

- Faith Night at the Lake County Captains (8/27): Gates open at 4:00, Mass at 4:30. There will be a picnic in left field at 6:00. Tickets are \$20.00.
- Forty Days for Life Campaign (8/28): Father Kalista explained that this international grassroots campaign brings attention to the evils of abortion and will pray for the end of abortion at facilities like Planned Parenthood. The Rev. David Baugh, spiritual director of Forty Days for Life Cleveland, will preach at all weekend Masses.
- Unveiling of Parish Pastoral Plan (9/11): A one-page summary will be included in the bulletin. Parishioners can ask for a copy of the full 15-page document or find it on the parish website.
- Opening Mass for PSR (9/12): 6:30 pm.
- Holy Land Presentation (9/13): Mass is at 7:00 pm, followed by a presentation on the terrible plight of Christians in the Middle East.
- Catechetical Sunday (9/18): 10:00 am Mass celebrating those in religious education and sacramental work.
- CYO Sports Mass (9/25): 10:00 am.
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Confirmation (9/28): 7:00 pm. For 9<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Financial Status of Parish (10/2): By Canon Law, Father Kalista must give an annual report on the finances of the parish. He will share the findings at all Masses, with a focus on increased offertory. The topic will NOT be discussed after this weekend.
- Priest Convocation (10/4-10/7): There will be no morning Mass on 10/5 and 10/6.
- Joyfully Gifted Retreat (10/8): Run by the Diocese Office of Evangelization and Stewardship, this event is for all IC ministry leaders. The all-day (9a-3p) retreat serves to highlight each leader's strengths and provide direction to each ministry. PC members are strongly encouraged to attend.
- Commissioning Ceremony for Incoming Pastoral Council Members (10/16): Currently scheduled for 10:00 am Mass.

- Eucharistic Devotions (10/23-10/25)
- PC members should try to attend parish events whenever possible in order to have an even better sense of the “pulse” of the parish.

*Pulse of the Parish:* Father Kalista and Council discussed ways to find out what parishioners are thinking about their IC experience, how to best serve parishioners and how to bring “inactive”/lapsed parishioners back.

- It was agreed that a **brief** survey(s?) will eventually be needed. Members debated the scope and timing of the survey. Everyone agreed that it must be short and easy to complete (an online option could be available for those who wish to make more detailed responses). All who complete the survey may do so anonymously.
- No firm timeline was agreed upon, though the Christmas Masses emerged as a viable option.
- In general, the parish (any parish) can be broken up into three distinct groups: “Inactive-Uninvolved” (rarely, if ever, attend Mass), “Active-Uninvolved” (attend Mass but are not otherwise active in parish life) and “Active-Involved” (regularly attend Mass and active in parish life).
- Council will consider exploring each group’s needs/concerns separately and over a period time.
- Council is interested in finding out why parishioners keep coming back to IC AND what might be keeping some away.
- Beyond a survey, small, pressure-free conversations with persons from each of the three groups might prove fruitful.
- Elayne Kramer will distribute to Council the results of the Pastoral Plan survey. This might guide us moving forward.

*Scheduled Meetings:*

- 9/20- 6:30 pm Rosary, Meeting at 7:00: Father Kalista is unable to attend, so Council will brainstorm on how to best survey the parish.
- 10/18- 6:30 pm Rosary, Meeting at 7:00: Council will submit recommendations to Father based on 9/20 meeting and other informal dialogue.
- 12/13- 6:30 pm Rosary, Meeting at 7:00
- 1/17/17- 6:30 pm Rosary, Meeting at 7:00
- 3/21- 6:30 pm Rosary, Meeting at 7:00
- 5/16- 6:30 pm Rosary, Meeting at 7:00

*Closing Prayer, Meeting Adjourned*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Anderson, Secretary