

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 7, 2016
Jesuit Residence

Attendees: Father Bob VerEecke, S.J, Pastoral Council members Jack Schmitt (Chair), Adel O'Regan (Vice Chair), Stephen Alfieri, Kathleen Cagnina, John Karle, Bob Lepisko, Charles Mileski, Debbi Olley Murphy, David Pais, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe

1. Opening Prayer: Adel O'Regan

2. Pastor's Report

- Father Bob is continuing to work with ISEL, RCIA, and the Spiritual Director Formation Program, as well as meeting personally with several ministry leaders.
- He also recently held a liturgical meeting; it focused on planning for the upcoming Advent season, and included a cross-section of interested parishioners.
- *For the Greater Glory of God*, a movie about the life of St. Ignatius (with Father Bob in that role), will be shown on Wednesday, November 16. This is another example of the parish's renewed focus on Ignatian spirituality.
- Father Bob is busy rehearsing *Christmas Revelations*, a dance program that will be performed on December 17 and 18 at the Sheen Center.
- In tandem with sending Constant Contact emails, the parish office is working hard on cleaning up our database to ensure all communication reaches correct addresses.

3. Review of Retreat

- The Pastoral Council members reviewed its priorities from its annual retreat (September 30-October 2), and reported on each goal.
- The Outreach subcommittee is planning a reception after the 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 4 to facilitate parishioner involvement. This also coincides with the Peace and Justice ministry's holiday gift sale.
- The Ignatian Spirituality subcommittee shared its initial plans, including ensuring that Ignatian prayer guidelines are available for

each ministry. Father Bob also raised the possibility of homilies during Advent having a specific Ignatian element.

- The Immigration subcommittee learned that Family Faith will focus on this issue in March, and they plan to work with that ministry to further its goals in this area.

4. Report on Election Season Prayer Services

- Groups of about 7-12 people have met during the election season to pray for our country. Feedback has been very positive, and there will be a final meeting on Wednesday, November 8, the day after the election.

5. Discussion and Approval of Revision to Guidelines for Leadership
 - The Pastoral Council approved the most recent draft of the Guidelines (dated September 2016), which include the specific terms of Pastoral Council leadership.

- 6 Planning for February 4, 2017 Retreat
 - Father Bob talked about plans for bringing the ministry leadership, parish staff members, and the Pastoral Council together for the retreat. Topics will include plans for Lent and Easter; an examen will also be part of the retreat.
 - A subcommittee (Father Bob, Adel, Katherine and Kathleen) was formed to plan the retreat.

7. New Business/Review of Meeting
 - Father Bob mentioned Xavier Mission's board of directors, and how trustees have generously offered to match gifts to the Thanksgiving turkey drive.

8. Closing Prayer: Adel O'Regan