

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 9, 2017  
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: Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe
2. Pastor's Report
  - Advent and Christmas activities received much positive response, particularly the Advent peace garden that became an integral part of the manger scene.
  - The community also responded well to the bilingual Mass celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Lessons and Carols was well attended.
  - Father Bob has continued to meet with RCIA, and suggested that confirmations take place the week after Easter, as the Easter Vigil is meant for those members of the church who are being baptized as well as confirmed.
3. Spiritual Direction Program
  - The program, which will run for 18 months, will begin next week; its first cohort includes 12 people.
4. Planning for February 4, 2017 Retreat
  - The Pastoral Council discussed the outline of the retreat; the hope is to include at least two representatives from each Xavier ministry, along with Pastoral Council members and staff members.
  - The retreat will incorporate the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States' "proposed way of proceedings for parish planning."
  - Ultimately, we plan to focus on those we serve at Xavier and discuss renewed ways to better serve people where they are. We want to ensure that all are using the special gifts they have.
5. Update on Ignatian Spirituality, Outreach, and Immigration Subcommittees
  - Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe has opened a conversation with ISEL and Lay Spirits to reach out to ministry leadership.
  - The Outreach subcommittee is currently planning for another wine and cheese after a Saturday evening Mass; the proposed date is Saturday, February 25. Additionally, there will be a parish coffee hour after the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, January 22, and the subcommittee has requested help from the council to encourage new parishioners to attend.

- The Immigration subcommittee has discussed the idea of holding a few consecutive weekly sessions to address immigration. Proposals for these sessions include inviting undocumented immigrants to speak about their experience, showing a film, hearing from people who work with immigrants, and then attendees at the various programs committing to active participation in the immigration issue
6. Report on Women's March on Washington
    - The Women Who Stayed and Catholic Lesbians have organized bus trips from New York. If there are extra tickets, they will be offered to L-STEP participants.
  7. New Business/Review of Meeting
    - Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe mentioned that there is clear interest in the parish in ensuring that we are speaking with other faith communities in other parts of the country; this seems to be a necessity as a result of the 2016 election.
  9. Closing Prayer: Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe