

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 19, 2015

West Room

Attendees: Father Joe Marina, S.J.; Pastoral Council members Adel O'Regan (Vice Chair), Stephen Alfieri, Kathleen Cagnina, , Phil Gutierrez, Bob Lepisko, Debbi Olley Murphy, David Pais; absent members: Patricia Dahl, Jack Schmitt (Chair)

1. Prayer: Adel O'Regan

2. Pastor's Report

- The executive director of Xavier Mission, Cassie Agredo, updated the Pastoral Council about the Welcome Table. Because there has been an increased number of confrontational incidents involving guests, Cassie is looking into solutions, including arranging for possible security officers or off-duty police officers to monitor the Welcome Table on Sundays. Cassie will keep the Pastoral Council apprised of developments and solutions.
- Father Marina received much positive feedback after Mission Sunday, including enthusiastic responses to the increased collaboration among the parish, the mission, the Xavier Jesuit Community, and Xavier High School.
- The West Side Deanery Project is continuing: two upcoming programs will be held at Blessed Sacrament, followed by Xavier's hosting the series.
- The Synod on the Family will wrap up on Sunday, October 25; ways to respond to results are being considered.
- With the Year of Mercy nearly upon us, Luz Marina Diaz has been working on a series of activities to recognize and celebrate this. Father Marina would also like Xavier's ministries to address the theme of mercy in their respective projects.
- Before making a final decision on whether to install railings at the altar (to prevent possible falls), an interim solution will be explored: special poles with signs that will direct people to use the ramps on either side of the altar.
- With the annual report due to be distributed on the First Sunday of Advent, Father Marina would like to include both updates from Xavier's ministries and a letter from the Pastoral Council.

3. Pastoral Council Retreat

- The Pastoral Council will hold its retreat the weekend of January 29-31, 2016 at Xavier. A retreat committee to address planning and outcomes has been formed.
- The Pastoral Council will also host a coffee hour on Sunday, January 17 with an eye toward soliciting parish members' opinions on what to address during the retreat.

4. Update on Pastoral Council Priorities

- Members of Pastoral Council subcommittees continued to discuss ways to meet the following priorities: Ignatian spirituality, ambassadors, Jesuit collaborations, and liturgical ministries. It was decided that of these, Ignatian spirituality will receive special attention, and will be a key topic at the Pastoral Council's January retreat.

5. Review of Council Members' Contact with Ministries

- The Pastoral Council continues to be in contact with leaders of Xavier's ministries, ensuring that open communication is a priority.

6. Announcements & New Items

- The Bible Study ministry would like to plan a group for Advent.

7. Closing Prayer: Adel O'Regan