

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
Xavier Jesuit Residence

Attendees: Father Bob VerEecke, S.J.; Pastoral Council members Jack Schmitt (Chair), Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Vice-Chair), Stephen Alfieri (Secretary); Kathleen Cagnina, Karen DeMasi (remotely), Patrick Egan, John Karle, Charles Mileski, Debbi Olley Murphy  
Absent: Michelle Jung

1. Opening Prayer – Kathleen Cagnina
2. Report on Youth Faith Formation

\*Daniel Genn from the Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry and Luz Marina Diaz presented their plan to initiate and grow a program at Xavier Parish for 13-18 year- olds

\*There will be an Information Session for those interested in volunteering as Facilitators on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

\*About 42 names have already been gathered from last year's Confirmation class and this year's class on people they would like to approach to become involved

3. Review of Yearly Day of Reflection and Planning for Ministries, Pastoral Council, and Staff

\*Gathering was held on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, in Keenan Commons

\*A review of what has been completed/happened since our last gathering in February 2017 was outlined

\*Bob Choiniere's Hospitality Workshop was presented in the morning

\*His presentation was highly praised and it will be very helpful for our Ministry discernment

\*Small groups in the afternoon following lunch worked off the entrepreneurial chapter of Chris Lowney's book, *Everyone Leads*

\*Catherine and Pat will summarize and categorize the many ideas that were gathered as a next step; a summary will also be circulated to the ministries

4. Review of Feminism + Faith in Union

\*It was a great gathering and the theme and focus on women leaders was important

\*Brought new visitors to Xavier

\*Leaders of this are thinking about follow-up, though nothing is solid yet

5. Results of visit to Middle Collegiate Church

\*Seven members of the Pastoral Council attended the Sunday Worship Celebration at Middle Collegiate on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

\*Ministers and members were very welcoming

\*The music, sermon, and prayers were very inspiring

\*Xavier Parish is invited to St. Joseph's in Harlem for its Gospel Mass on Sunday, February 25 at 10 a.m.

\*Future Interfaith events and experiences are being explored; the council will work with Father Dan Corrou and Jose Ramon Perez-Lopez on future visits

6. Report and Discussion of Status of Spiritual Direction Training Program

\*The initial 18-month program will finish this June with eleven (11) newly certified Directors

\*Both Sr. Vivian Joyce and Robert Choiniere have been stalwart in putting this program together

\*The current program has been 97% reliant financially on Province funds for the program

\*There will be a meeting with a Rep. from the Province on February 25<sup>th</sup> to explore other funding resources and outreach to other parishes as funding from the Province will not continue to be the major source

\*It is noted that both the need for Spiritual Directors and the quality of this training program is high

7. Good Friday Participation

\*Several members of the Pastoral Council will participate in the carrying of the Cross on Good Friday

8. Change in Pastoral Council Discernment Dates

\*Due to a conflict the dates for those wishing to discern as new Pastoral Council members will now be held on two Mondays: June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow

## 9. Closing Prayer – Kathleen Cagnina