

St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 8, 2020– 6:30 p.m.
Zoom Teleconference

Attendees: Father Ken Boller, Father John Mulreany, Kathleen Cagnina, Karen DeMasi, Patrick Egan, Michelle Jung, John Karle, Catherine O’Hagan Wolfe, Ron Oberdick, Stephen Alfieri, Andrea Foley-Murphy, Belinda Conway.

1. Opening Prayer – John Karle

2. Short Check-in

3. Pastor’s Report

Elevator repair will begin after first of the year, and parochial school work has begun.

First communion takes place this Sunday for 27 people.

Palms will be blessed this Sunday and available for parishioners

Discussed position of the BLM poster displayed on front gates—adjust position so that poster is visible when gates are open

PC published on Xavier’s website a response to criticism of the racial justice pledge leveled by people outside the parish who had seen the 11:30 Mass online.

4. Retreat Planning

Discussed options for in-person meetings at Xavier in quad and/or in Sleepy Hollow vs. zoom meetings. Weather dependent.

5. Discussion of Racial Justice Initiatives

- Ministries Zoom Meeting Follow Up—Input from meeting participants being synthesized into one document to share with PC members for suggestions, then posted on SFX Racial Justice web page
- Path forward for growing relationship with St. Charles Borromeo parish.
--Archdiocese holding teachings on preaching about race. Hoping that Xavier-Borromeo relationship can become a model for other parish partnerships
- Just Faith—Strong interest in upcoming session on racial justice—session is oversubscribed
- Racial Justice Ministry—On hiatus for Aug., starting new book discussion group on Sun. More projects in the works
- Art in the Church—Zoom call being planned for all who responded to email inviting parishioners to participate, along with Brother Tyrone (Exec Dir. Office of Black Ministry for NY Archdiocese)

In process of starting up:

- Multi-Racial Team for Social & Economic Justice
- Racial Remembrance Project

6. Other Projects – Under Way & New

- Deliver Us podcast discussion group—assessing interest in starting up again with social distancing

Additional initiatives/updates

- Support for People Experiencing Illness, Other Insecurity—will keep on radar and resurface in Oct.
- Hart Island Remembrance
- Oral History
- Others

7. New Business

- Next step in PC Discernment process
- Community Fridge/pantry in the works via Xavier Mission

8. Closing Prayer – John Karle