

# **Church of St. Francis Xavier**

## **Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.**  
West Room & Via Zoom Teleconference

**In attendance:** Catherine Wolfe, Andrea Foley-Murphy, Fr. Ken Boller, Karen DeMasi, Belinda Conway, Patrick Egan, John Karle, Kristen Beckles, Michelle Jung, Cara Caponi, Joel Dabu

1. Opening Prayer – Belinda Conway
2. Welcome to New Members and Welcome Back for All
3. Pastor's Report
  - Renovations—Hurtado Hall bathrooms, elevator upgrade, roofing/pointing on Winston Prep all underway.
  - Pastoral Council/Finance Council Collaboration—2 sessions completed—one orientation, one conversation on priorities. Exploring options/costs for Hurtado Hall space re-use.
  - Young Adults and Youth Ministries—first meeting Sun 9/12, following 2 organizational sessions over summer for YA ministry with staff members Bob Choiniere and Zach Presutti.
  - COVID Update – Ministries finding their way to restarting meetings both in-person and hybrid, including family faith, RCIA, and senior groups. In person attendance expected to improve with time.
  - Office Manager Damely Tineo will be leaving SFX at end of fiscal year. Search underway to hire replacement.
  - Discussion of Pastor's role in addressing disruptions at Mass, balancing needs of welcoming all with ensuring all feel safe and cared for.
4. Pastoral Council Matters
  - Discussion of upcoming Pastoral Council Retreat, New Members' Orientation, and logistics for future PC meetings.
5. Project Updates
  - SFX Art Project
    - Artwork of saints and holy people by Patricia Brintle continues to be created and refined according to parishioner input.
    - Artwork will be on display at Masses with parishioners encouraged to provide feedback.
  - Racial Justice Pledge update
    - Based upon the sense from our Town Hall in July that the Pledge might evolve to (1) be less rote; (2) be inclusive of the perspectives of parishioners of color; and (3) be matched with appropriate action, a small committee of parishioners is meeting to consider revising the Pledge and its role.
  - Catholic Anti-Racism Project (CARP)

- Continued efforts to connect with our sister parishes in the project are underway.

- SFX Oral History Project

- A producer has been identified for the project, which will interview longtime parishioners and record these conversations in a podcast-like format.

- Deliver Us Podcast discussion series

- Hoping to re-launch the series in person if pandemic circumstances permit.

6. Potential New Initiatives for Consideration: each discussed briefly for members to consider as we head into our retreat.

- Generations and Change @ Xavier—ministry leadership transition
- Sustaining Joy in a Pandemic
- Examining Xavier's role as a prophetic voice during time of increased polarization.
- Laudato Si' Seven-Year Action Plan
- Xavier High School 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

7. Check in/Review with Our New Members

8. Closing Prayer – Belinda