

# Church of St. Francis Xavier

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 • 6:30 p.m.  
in the West Room and via Zoom

Attendance: Michelle Jung, John Karle, Ken Boller, Kristen Beckles, Belinda Conway, Karen DeMasi, Pat Egan, Andrea Foley-Murphy, Catherine Wolfe, Joel Dabu, Cara Caponi

### Pastor's Report

- COVID procedures update- masks not required indoors but please wear them
- Renovations and accommodations- chair lifts installed pending inspection to test the weight. Elevator work to be scheduled.
- Attendance and donations -numbers rebounding close to pre-pandemic at masses. More young adults, new faces in attendance.
- Pastoral Council/Finance Council Collaboration- meeting this week, YTD on budget, FY ends August.
- Architectural options for Hurtado Hall to move storage to create more space, possibly adding balcony to create additional office space. Next step to get engineering estimate of changes.
- HIV/AIDS Shrine- moving of the shrine is on hold while plans for St. Veronica's are finalized. Involving Sacred Space on design.

### Xavier's Participation in the Church Global Synod

- 1<sup>st</sup> All parish conversation Sunday night, registrations rising. Need help on Sunday at 1pm for parish wide session. Can ask Family Faith for more volunteers.
- Archdiocesan session scheduled April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Requesting that each parish to send about 8 participants, including someone who can act as a facilitator or a scribe. Looking for nominees.

### Ministries Retreat follow-ups

- Next steps: Parish priorities
  - Social media position: staff, freelance, or intern? Communications Committee to discuss the scope, job description, goals and measures of success for the role
  - Juneteenth (and Corpus Christi and Father's Day) – on Sunday, loop in ministries to do more planning/highlighting racial justice in the celebration
- Next steps: Laudato Si' Action Platform- need to form a committee to start work after Easter. Representation from the PC and other ministries needed. Outreach to the ministries to think about who might participate.

### PC Discernment

- Next Zoom info session was scheduled for Sun, March 20, 3 pm. Decision made to postpone because there is so much going on. Sessions will resume in April.

### Project Updates

- Revised Racial Justice Pledge – Need to include the intro with the prayers of the faithful
- SFX Art Project –Patricia hopes to have all paintings done by mid-April. Framing materials selected, by early June could be ready to be installed and celebrated.
- Healing Prayer Ministry – launched, began this Sunday

- Catholic Anti-Racism Project (CARP) – Email outreach about synodal conversation possibility, but no traction on synod conversation. Working on paring down the stations to make it a more distilled version for this year, proposing one or two night session. Haven't heard back on that proposal.
- Racial justice study group- want to meet with PC to discuss with members of that group that want to start to become active doing something, assist with an action plan
- From Age to Age – Podcast feed is set, just need website set up for it, thinking of launch after Easter when there isn't so much going on. Explore if America would be interested in highlighting the project.

Sustaining community and joy as COVID recedes –

- Welcome back mailing to parishioners – Mailing timed around Easter, Ken and Cara to talk about messaging in the next week. Targeting to hit the week before Holy Week.
- Ministry of Joy
  - chanting the Our Father? Need to discuss/plan for restarting with Music Ministry
  - Consider after mass coffee hour in April and May