

# Church of St. Francis Xavier

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 12, 2022 6:30pm in the West Room and Zoom

Attendance: Michelle Jung, Kristen Beckles, Joel Dabu, Pat Egan, John Karle, Ken Boller, Belinda Conway, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Karen DeMasi, Cara Caponi

### Pastor's Report

- COVID procedures update- Everything back to normal during liturgy except for shaking hands or drinking the cup
- Renovations and accommodations- Elevator repairs begin 4/25 and will go on for about 6 weeks, first week of June. Chair lifts are in place and operable. Next bulletin will include a message to inform mobility impaired parishioners that we are offering short term communion visits during the time that accessibility is constrained.
- Attendance and donations – Palm Sunday attendance was high, reflected in the collections as well
- Welcome back mailing to parishioners- mailing is out and video is up online.
- Pastoral Council/Finance Council Collaboration- meeting next week, main agenda is a conversation about charitable donations for the year.
- Laudato Si' Action Platform- Info/volunteer sessions in May. Forming task forces to engage in various efforts. Start groups meeting for the summer so they're ready to go after Labor Day. Completing registration to participate.
- Reconciliations- Well attended. Citywide ad helped and was well done. Used it and amplified it for 3 weeks.

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

- Report deadline: May 1. Looks about 34 conversations and nearly 200 participants. Pulling out the themes from the responses. Committee will work to create the written report. Presentation to follow. No guidance from the archdiocese on preferred or anticipated report format. To consider, invite America media, Tablet to the follow up meeting to amplify the Synod and the results/potential.

### Parish priorities and planning calendar-

- June 12<sup>th</sup> Art Installation celebration
- Juneteenth- guest homilist Mario Powell, SJ (introduce BJP to Xavier) Lillian Wald to be commemorated?, Sr. Thea Bowman singing? – Karen and Ken reached out to Tess Thompson and others to assist with planning.
- Meaning of Eucharist- 6/9 and 6/16 two 75 minute sessions, education plus spiritual conversations about living the eucharist, Zoom
- Age to Age release- Do we connect it to the Synodal conversations?
- Synod presentation- May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Coffee hour- 16<sup>th</sup> street entrance on June 5<sup>th</sup>, introduce the new PC members 11:30 (Michelle and Pat) give out QR codes for registering
- Easter Vigil reception- 2-3 PC members to be available to help with replenishing supplies and help the staff.

### PC Discernment – committee is Andrea, Cara, Kristen, Pat

- Next Zoom info session: Thurs, April 21, 7 pm not in the bulletin, but could go in the electronic version and email to Ministries
- PC members speak from ambo: April 30, May 1 Before the pledge
- Discernment sessions: May 1 and May 15 on Zoom 7pm

### Project Updates (only as necessary)

- SFX Art Project and Installation Celebration – see above
- Healing Prayer Ministry – up and running
- Catholic Anti-Racism Project (CARP) – visit each other's parishes and get brunch after, inviting to June 12<sup>th</sup>. Black sainthood project.
- From Age to Age –
- Deliver Us & Collaboration with America Media – working on a message to the group.
- Census – Combine with the Synod report
- The meaning of Eucharist – see above
- Communications – welcome home mailing went out. Social media person? Need a job description, scope, hours. Seek ideas from the communications committee.

### Sustaining community and joy as COVID recedes

- Ministry of Joy – committee is Belinda, Karen, John, Michelle, Pat
- June coffee hour
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Saint portraits
- June 19<sup>th</sup> (maybe reception)
- Pride weekend? Canceling the Sunday 5pm. March (Stephanie Samoy) Outings wanting to plan something?