

## Pastoral Council Minutes—November 12, 2019

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:47pm by Tina Peachman.

**Present:** Fr. John Barry, Tina Peachman, Linda-Marie Stempihar, Brian McCagh, Sally Curley and John Laudwein.

### Opening Prayer – Fr. Barry

I. **Acceptance of Minutes** for October –Sally Curley and John Laudwein.

### II. Old Business

#### a. Parish Anniversary Celebration

The theatrical presentation of the life story of Fr. Tolton was very well attended and an inspirationally uplifting experience for the parish. Fr. MacFarlane co-celebrated the Sunday anniversary mass and gave a homily reminiscent of the founding of the parish. An annual parish anniversary celebration in the month of November will be planned again next year.

#### b. Status of Invitation to Archbishop Wilton Gregory

Fr. Barry spoke to the Archbishop's staff member who acknowledged receipt of our Parish's invitation. The Archbishop has been busy; his staff will let us know when he is available at a future date. In addition, the Archbishop's staff thought that the Parish Council wrote their letters without the knowledge of Fr. Barry which he quickly clarified. By the next council meeting, the council will have key objectives and talking points (e.g., more laity involvement in the Archdiocese) for discussion with the Archbishop prioritized for when he eventually visits.

#### c. Interfaith Ecumenical Event (for those who have fallen to gun violence)

Invite Burtonsville area religious organizations for an Interfaith facilitated discussion on the topic of gun violence—tentatively in January. We need a volunteer parish member to organize the event.

#### d. Homeless Shelter – March 15-22

Planning is progressing. Announcement asking for volunteers will be published in the January parish bulletin.

#### e. Welcome/Registration Weekend

At the next council meeting, we will discuss refocusing this activity or discern an alternative activity.

### III. New Business

- a. Council President—Carmela Cowgill—submitted her resignation (personal reasons) effective November 11, 2019. The council appreciates her years of avid support and encouragement.
- b. Fr. Barry envisioned the council members gathering information (from leaders of the various parish ministries) and reporting on the status at our monthly council meetings. Ministries such as the Women's Group, CWA, Knights of Columbus, Religious Ed, Youth Group, Pre-K Program, Music, Liturgical, Usher Group, Prayer Group, etc.
- c. At the next council meeting, we will discuss asking the Youth Group for a volunteer representative to serve as a council consultant. The purpose is to achieve more youth involvement in the parish (such as outreach to them using social media).

**Closing Prayer:** Meeting ended at 9:04pm.

**Next Meeting:** December 10 at 7:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Linda-Marie Stempihar