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**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Tuesday January 21, 2020**

**Prayer and Faith Sharing:** Apostles Creed and Reading from Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17.

The minutes from the November 2019 meeting were approved with two minor corrections.

**Decision and Discussion Items:**

• **Fr. Kevin: Update on Church Renovations**

We received diocesan permission to work with Henninger's Inc. to design and execute the refurbishing of the church worship area including:

1. Painting the walls and ceiling
2. Refinishing the pews, wood and fabric cushion.
3. Redoing the sanctuary fabric and carpet.
4. Replacing or redoing the chairs.
5. Cleaning the granite altar, pulpit, priest chair, baptismal font and area.
6. Cleaning the slate floor.

Henninger's would be able to do the work after Easter this year. We are in the preliminary stage of gathering information and looking at various options. No contracts have been signed.

I intend to form a committee to help with the project after I return from vacation. Because the work will involve the whole worship area, we will have Sunday Mass in Lambur Hall for the necessary time. This should speed the execution greatly.

Renovations will be paid with funds we have saved for this purpose.

A member questioned how long the project would take and Fr. Kevin said maybe 7 weeks, hopefully the project will be completed by June. There was also a brief mention of the colors that may be used but nothing definite was stated.

- **Heart of the Shepherd Campaign**

The campaign is designed to strengthen and better meet the ministerial formation needs of the seminary, seminarians and clergy. It is a pledge campaign (like Rooted in Faith) to raise 30 million over a 3-year period. There are 3 major funding areas:

1. Seminary renovation -- \$20 million. The seminary was built in the late 1940s with some additions around 1960. There is a need to modernize rooms, electrical and plumbing systems and add air conditioning.
2. Clergy Retirement Pension Fund -- \$7 million. Help fully fund the pension plan for priests. Reduce the current yearly \$10,000 payment per priest the parishes currently make to the fund.
3. Newly Ordained Tuition Debt Relief -- \$3 million to help newly ordained priests pay off student debt from college.

The plan is for the campaign to begin in our parish in the fall.

- **Discussion of Living as Missionary Disciples**

Council members were asked if anything had changed in the way they thought about their faith or changed after spending time reading and thoughtfully discussing Living as Missionary Disciples book. One member said he is more open to have discussions about faith in general, at work as well as at home. He also recognizes when an opportunity to do so presents itself. Another member discussed some of the things she does to evangelize with her own family and extended family.

Members shared how their sense of being part of the parish has changed throughout the process of discussion. Another member wondered what other parishes are doing and this was discussed but it was agreed that we wouldn't follow through on that at this time.

**Parish Concerns:** A member mentioned that a list of failing schools was released by the Ohio Department of Education and that North High School and some other local schools are on the list. This means that there are vouchers available to help pay for private and parochial schools. Ohio Department of Education has a web site where interested families can get more information.

**UPDATES & REPORTING:**

**Religious Education:** Charles Hunt

**RCIA**

St. Justin Parish is blessed with several people preparing to receive Sacraments at this year's Easter Vigil! Morgyn McCalligan will be completing her full initiation as a Catholic by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Tim Rosian and Philip Bowser will be

making their Profession of Faith, be received into the Church, and participate in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Kaylee Datz will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. And four members of the Argenti family will become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation: Lynn, Elizabeth, Caitlin and Cecelia. Please pray for and encourage all those preparing to be fully united with Christ and His Church.

The RCIA Team provides a wonderful service in leading others to know and love the Lord and in demonstrating how wonderful. The Team is Kathy McCoy, Sue Meinke, Janet McPeeks, Bill Moster, Terry Denniston and Bob Bobnar.

### **PSR**

Classes continue to go well. We are blessed with a wonderful group of catechists who continue to give witness to Jesus and our Catholic Faith. Longtime parishioner, Cynthia Lino, has been hired to replace Maria Mujic as the Religious Education Secretary. Cindy is doing very well.

### **FORMED**

FORMED is an awesome website filled with Catholic movies, books, podcasts and more. It is referred to as the “Catholic Netflix”. It is free to sign up, yes FREE! Simply go to the St. Justin Martyr website, click the FORMED tab, follow the link Louise conveniently made and set up your own personal account. It’s time we learned more about our Faith.

### **SJM PARISH LENTEN MISSION**

Fr. Tom Dragga, pastor of The Church of the Resurrection in Solon, OH will be presenting our 2020 Lenten Mission March 8-10. The theme will be “Faith, Hope & Charity”.

**Worship Commission:** Christmas Mass schedule and Masses were reviewed. It was agreed that the Mass schedule met the needs of the Parish for Christmas.

The Worship Commission completed a Liturgy Assessment Tool provided by Fr. Dragga, who will be coming to do our Parish Mission during Lent from March 8 to March 10. We feel our Parish does well in fostering active participation, clearly defining the structure of liturgy and ritual actions during the liturgy. Members of the Commission feel that we need to provide more opportunities for liturgical ministers to enhance their understanding of and participation in the liturgy. Fr. Dragga hopes to indirectly incorporate areas of concern and/or growth in his Mission presentations.

**Finance Council:** We are doing better than a year ago because of the good response to Grateful Giving. Expenses are consistent with our estimates. We have been able to meet most financial needs with the Offertory contributions.

### **Pastoral Associate/Minister Report:**

**Beth Rossetti**

### **Confirmation 2020**

Our Confirmation Sessions are going well. We have 9 candidates. We completed our Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, January 11 from 9:00am-10:00pm. We had a guest speaker Fr. Daniel Bowen, a Mercedarian priest who lives at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel West. He

celebrated Mass with us in the Spirit Room and did a wonderful talk on vocations. We made 6 tie knot blankets for Rainbow and Children's Hospital.

### **Pop and Praise**

- **NCYC** – National Catholic Youth Conference was awesome again this year. Our teens, Josh Sakal, Andrea Valaitis (seniors) and Lexi Zalar (sophomore) had a wonderful experience and came back on a Jesus high. So did the chaperones Diane Goss, Kim Naderer and Beth Rossetti. The next NCYC is in 2021 in Indianapolis.
- Living Stations of the Cross needs 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders to be part of this prayer service. At this point we are trying to decide if this Living Stations of the Cross will take place because we do not have enough teens to participate.

### **General**

- Halloween Party went well.
- T-Shirts and Sweatshirt are still being ordered.
- For the second year, SJM hosted the afternoon card writing session for Lake/Geauga District for those in nursing homes, incarcerated, shelters, Deepwood and others who do not receive Christmas cards. We had lunch and wrote over 2,300 cards. **4,585 cards were delivered to 51 locations.** Cards were written out by over 75 volunteers from 10 parishes/community groups. We were able to add 13 receiving groups this year because of the extra cards that were written!

### **Stewardship Commission**

Stewardship Commission meeting is on January 28, 2020. We are looking to grow our Commission and are planning our USO service night on March 2, 6:00-8:00PM, with a light dinner and then packing of boxes.

### **Deacon's Report: Deacon Tim Shell**

Eleven people are going to the March for Life in Washington this Friday. They are leaving Thursday night and returning Friday at midnight.

Thirty plus people are making the pilgrimage to Rome.

Two servers, a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader are in training.

**The next meeting is February 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM.**

Submitted by Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary