



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

*Leading People to Jesus Through Worship, Community, Service
and Devotion to Mary*

Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

October 13, 2021

Beth Mahler called the meeting to order about 7:35 PM and Dan Costello led the members in an opening prayer.

Attendees: Frank Copeland, Dan Costello, Jim Emley, Lisa Galden, Father Matt Hoover, Alison King, Beth Mahler, and Janet Wilks.

Hospitality/Ministry Sunday

Alison King reported that we hope to make the Hospitality/Ministry Sunday an annual kickoff event. With many ministries starting up again in the Fall, she suggested that that the Hospitality Sunday/Ministry Fair be moved to the last weekend in August prior to Labor Day weekend. Then skip the September Hospitality Sunday. Council members agreed with this change and thanked Alison for taking on this important coordinating role.

Pastor Updates

Father Matt shared that Real Presence Real Future (RPRF) process will continue and is still active. Council recommended that Father share an RPRF update at masses. Fr. Matt thought November 7, the next Hospitality Sunday, would be a good opportunity to do this and for Council members to attend and mingle. Council agreed and also made the decision to be available after all of the November 6-7 masses to answer questions and remind parishioners to submit their feedback forms for RPRF Fall Consultation Sessions by November 19, 2021 if they haven't already.

Bishop Brennan's November departure to Brooklyn marks a different transition in pastoral leadership from the retirements of Bishops Griffin and Campbell. However, the work of the Church will continue, and a Diocesan Administrator may be assigned to run day to day operations until a new bishop is named.

3 Commissions - 1 Minute Reports

Social Concerns Commission - Dan Costello reported that Andrea Carrier from the YWCA Family Shelter ministry joined the Social Concerns Commission at this meeting. He also stressed the importance of making personal contacts to draw more people into engagement with the Social Concerns ministries.

Parish and Community Life Commission - Alison King reported that greeters at Masses will be asked to introduce themselves - a good way to connect with attendees. The committee will also be reviewing the commission's ministry list on the website and make updates with contact information. The website is another effective way to connect with parishioners.

Beth Mahler praised the work of Jacob Lammers for quick responses with Parish Pastoral Council requests to update the Parish website.

Faith Formation and Spiritual Life Commission - Janet Wilks reported that in addition to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception proposal, April Byrne and Heather MacKinnon are working on another proposal for the Faith Formation Commission.

Giving Tuesday

Dan Costello is sending out an email calling for nominations for this year's chosen organization for Immaculate Conception. October 18 is the deadline for nominations, and voting will take place from the 19th to the 24th. Father Matt pointed out that this is a good way to educate parishioners about the many charitable organizations in our community.

New Proposal—The Feast of the Immaculate Conception from the Faith Formation and Spiritual Life Commission

Lisa Galden explained that one goal of this initiative is to grow together the church, school and the Faith and Family Formation group (FFF). The commission envisions this initial celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception as being an annual event. Hospitality Sunday on December 5 will serve as prelude to the three-day celebrations. Monday would feature a speaker at the church in the evening followed by the rosary. A Vigil Mass followed by a Penance Service will be celebrated on Tuesday. Eucharistic Adoration and three masses (including a school Mass) will be celebrated on Wednesday with the opportunity to offer a written prayer intention to our Blessed Mother. The school and FFF will also be involved.

Alison King moved to accept the proposal and Dan Costello seconded. The motion passed unanimously and Father Hoover accepted.

Deanery Report

Mike Julian was not present at the meeting, but he reported that 15 participants are now involved in their bereavement ministry. Also, starting a fund at the Catholic Foundation for people to donate to help fund the program.

Adjourn

Janet Wilks moved to adjourn and Lisa Galden seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 8:45 PM.

Next meeting: November 10, 2021, Commissions start at 6:30pm in Marian Hall, All parishioners are welcome.

Meeting minutes drafted and submitted by Frank Copeland, Parish Pastoral Council Secretary.