

# PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 11th, 2022

**Call to Order:** 7:06 by Chriss Lawrence

**Opening Prayer:** Chriss Lawrence, due to Jim Trist's absence.

**Attendance:** Fr. Gregory, Chriss Lawrence, Wayne Savage, Anthony & Diane Coppola, Tim Brown, Kim Wood, Charlie Patullo, Greg Vuyovich and Walter Priest.

**Vision Statement:** The Council read the Parish Vision Statement in unison.

**Pastor's Comments:** Father Gregory expressed how he would have liked to welcome Julie Trist to her first meeting, but due to illness Jim and Julie were not present.

Father informed us that he would be starting Adult Faith Formation Classes between the two Sunday Masses beginning on January 16. He will also start a new book reading group on Tuesday evening January 25 from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center. The book is *The Universal Brother* by Little Sister Kathleen of Jesus. This is the most recent biography of Blessed Charles de Foucauld, a favorite with Fr. Gregory, who will be canonized May 15.

**Formation:** The Council read and discussed paragraphs 55 and 56 of the Pope Francis' Encyclical "The Joy of the Gospel"

### **Old Business:**

**Approval of Minutes:** The December 14th, 2021 minutes were approved unanimously.

**Prison Ministry Update:** Charlie provided information regarding contacts at Gloucester County Jail. The volunteer's go through Southeastern Correctional Ministries. Unfortunately, due to covid, GC Jails have stopped allowing volunteers to enter the jails at this time. Therefore, prison ministry is once again tabled until those restrictions are lifted.

**Deanery Meeting:** Chriss and Tim will attend the Deanery Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>. This is after our next meeting, so hopefully they will inform us of its content in March.

**Eucharistic Bread Update:** father has wisely tabled this until the spread of covid subsides.

**Youth Ministry Update:** Wayne has gathered much information through Katie Yankowski, the Associate Director for Youth & Young Adults in the Diocesan Office of Evangelization. provided links to resources that a youth minister can use., links on job postings, classes available to youth ministers to increase knowledge. He also discovered the range of salaries for a youth minister, based on their experience level. He listed the roles of a youth minister. We will continue to explore what our capabilities are, such as resources (budget) and ways that we can

reach out to families to bring their children to Jesus. We discussed partnering with other local churches. Charlie agreed to speak to Jenny about the programs at these other churches.

**Name Tags:** Chriss discussed what we have used in the past. We discussed what color, whether they should be personalized and where to order them. We all agreed we should get them. We decided, in order to make us visible to parishioners, he would announce us during Mass, where we would stand and be seen. I believe Father mentioned a blessing! This will happen the weekend of February 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>. Chriss will talk to Debi about ordering them. Wayne expressed a willingness to, and suggestion that we each purchase our own. There was also discussion about bringing back “Ministry Sunday” where each ministry would display boards to bring awareness to the congregation about who we are and what we do. It was agreed to wait until covid quiets down. Possibly a few weeks.

**New Business:**

**Synodal Consultations:** Father inquired as to how the first Synod Consultation went. We thanked Diane & Anthony Coppola for hosting. We had a short discussion on the questions and subsequent discussions. We all agreed that Kerry did a great job facilitating, and that Father considers all of our input in his decision making.

**New Directory:** Chriss mentioned what a huge task it is, and how long it took, as well as some of the rules ie: pictures. Kim agreed to talk with Rita, who worked on our last directory issued in 2017.

**Announcements:** Thanks To Greg for the refreshments, and Chriss for stepping in with the opening & closing prayers.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center. Walter Priest will offer opening and closing prayers and Tim Brown will bring refreshments.

**Closing Prayers:** Chriss Lawrence led the Council in closing prayer.

**Adjournment:** Chriss Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.