

MQOF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date | time 16/01/2020 | 7-9pm

In Attendance

Father Reggie Lavilla, Cecil Fernandes, Ruth Miranda, Eva Cheetley, Debojit Roy, Sidney Lazum, Joseph Azzi, Ashley Azzi, Jude Miranda, Nathan Fernandes, Deacon John Cinya

Absent

Father Jack Green, Father John-Paul Escarlan &, Harlane Petersen, Phi Ngugen

Approval of minutes

Fr. Regie & seconded by Sidney

Agenda

- Opening Prayer, Welcome & Apologies
- Reading of Evangelii Nuntiandi
- Aligning members with the different ministries
- Other Business
- Closing Prayer

Opening Prayer & Welcome

- Opening Prayer by Fr. Jack.
- Cecil welcomed the team to the first meeting in the new year 2020. The apologies were noted Fr. Jack and Fr. John-Paul were on vacation. Phi sent his apologies to Fr. Reggie. Harlane was noted as not present. We will have an action for somebody to follow-up by phone. The flow of the agenda was outlined with a connection between the Formation section and the discussion on the ministries.

Internal formation – Read Evangelii Nuntiandi

Evangelii Nuntiandi- an encyclical released by Pope Paul VI in 1975 was circulated as the reading for this session. An encyclical is a letter is written by the Pope encouraging the Church through its Cardinals to follow a particular practical application on a particular topic – as Fr. Reggie explained. It is not dogma. Evangelii Nuntiandi means ‘New Evangelisation’. This encyclical is 84 paragraphs long – only 15 paragraphs was read by Cecil, while each member followed the reading with a soft or hardcopy - with a view to reflect on what thoughts come to mind while reading & listening.

Fr. Reggie said that this Encyclical was biblically founded and provided the Church with ‘a clarity of its identity’ and ‘a clarity of it’s purpose’ – which was to ‘Proclaim the Good News’. He also reiterated the lines that ‘we are servants of the Repository of Faith’.

Ashley (reflected on Para 3 – take into account the heritage of faith that the church has the duty of preserving in its untouchable purity.....) talked about how the Catholic church holds the whole truth, and that we compromise the truth sometimes in order to be more persuasive. She said that we have to be more authentic and no matter what people’s situation – we have to try to tell them truth in love.

John talked about how Jesus sacrificed himself to overcome the anxiety of the church.

Jude said that the message that he got was that we should either do it all or don’t do it all – we cannot be half baked.

Joseph (quoting para 5) spoke about the truths that the Catholic church hold and that salvation is through the Catholic church alone. We cannot say we love our neighbour and be nice to him if we do not address the state of his soul and pass on the good news. If we really love him we should be sharing the good news.

Roy spoke about how it is our duty to preach the good news and that we have to count the cost of discipleship and also that we should equip ourselves.

Aligning members of the PPC with various ministries

The list of ministries was sent to all members of the PPC by email prior to the meeting. In this section Ruth asked members to choose a ministry that they would like to meet or visit with. The purpose of the visit – would be an official one as a member of the PPC – seeking to listen to that particular ministry – it’s issues, it’s concerns, the support that is needed etc. There would be an official communication to the leader of that ministry before the PPC visited.

List of Ministries which Members opted for:

- Youth Ministry – Nathan
- Sacramental Program – Ruth
- Acolytes – Jude
- RCIA – Roy
- Marian Movement for Priests – Joe
- Children’s Liturgy – Ashley
- Legion of Mary – Cecil

Other Business

A Formation Session on Discernment will be held in Kellyville on 1st February 2020 from 9am to 4pm. All to please attend. Please bring a plate to share for lunch.

Closing Prayer

Fr. Regie

Actions

This meeting

- Follow-up with Harlene and ensure she is getting the communication - Cecil
- Continue to read the Evangelii Nuntiandi & reflect internally – Whole Team
- Members who have not yet opted to choose a ministry – Whole Team
- Await the official communication from the Fathers to the ministries before they visit – All Members
- Formulate an official message to the ministries and communicate – Executive Team
- Attend whole day session on 1st Feb, Bring a plate of food for Lunch – Whole team

Important Dates to Remember

- *01 February 2020, FORMATION & DISCERNMENT COURSE - KELLYVILLE*
- *Thursday, Executive meeting: 13 February 2020.*
- *Thursday, PPC Meeting: 20 February 2020.*