

MQOF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Monthly Meeting Minutes (over Zoom)

Date | time 23/04/2020 ! 7-9pm

In Attendance

Father Reggie, Father Jack, Father John-Paul, Deacon John, Cecil Fernandes, Ruth Miranda, Eva Cheetley, Jude Miranda, Joseph Azzi, Ashley Azzi, Harlane Petersen, Phi Ngugen, Debojit Roy, Nathan Fernandes & Sidney Lazum.

Absent

Nil

Approval of minutes

Fr. Sidney & seconded by Harlane

Agenda

- Opening Prayer, Welcome & Apologies
- Reading of Evangelii Nuntiandi
- How do we remain Pastorally relevant to our Parishioners
- Other Business
- Closing Prayer

Opening Prayer & Welcome

- Opening Prayer by Fr. Regie
- Cecil Welcomed the team and discussed the reason for the agenda.
- EASTER VIGIL: Positive feedback from the PPC members and via the photos shared on FaceBook (FB), a lot of comments were received and Parishioners seemed happy with the Outcome.

Internal formation – Read Evangelii Nuntiandi

Evangelii Nuntiandi- Chapter 30-45 was read by Harlane while the PPC listened and reflected.

How do we keep in touch with our Parishioners & remain Pastorally relevant during these times?

Ministers: in which way we can consider, to become more Pastoral Relevant, for Discernment, due to the Current Restrictions upon us. What ways can we the PPC continue to minister.

Deacon John: Suggested, it's a Difficult Question. Father JP conducted some other Mass via ZOOM-Link. There are Live-Mass via the Internet, it is just a suggestion.

Live-Streaming-Mass: Not Doing it. There are lots of Masses been conducted On-Line-Streaming.

Suggestion to have a weekly 3-minute-video, in a month, the Clergy, would attend the first 3 weekends of the Month, the last weekend, however, would be conducted via a Member of the PPC, (in later date, a listing will be done to arrange the persons to adhere to the 3-minute-video).

HARLANE: Suggested ways the Eucharist can be Administered, heard that in Riverstone the Eucharist is done by means of a Drive-Through, traffic control and police presence while the Eucharist is been administered.

ASHLEY: Routine = Communion Prayer, united in the Eucharist is appreciated: Sacraments & the Regularly current tools (under the Current Situation which we are facing), more Communication & Dialogue would benefit the Parish Greatly.

PHI: LIVE from St Marys Cathedral (Sydney) – Excellent, Homily from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, discussed the ways we can communicate and be together at this hard, difficult times. The same way, perhaps in the Parish, we could receive from Father Jack, JP & Reggie a HOMILY from 10 – 20 mins, on the Gospel and its teachings. Each Sunday, may-be shorter to 5-10 mins.

FATHER JOHN-PAUL: The Homily is in the BULLENTIN, currently due to the current restrictions, there are no rosters = so, because of no Masses either the Financial Need is greater, in this Bullentin, Michael Zerrafa will write an article to make suggestions, on how, we can still help via the means of Donations to the Parish and its Current Projects.

CECIL: Its True, how we are taking the Eucharist for Granted. It's a good idea about the Video and its Congregation to participate in its development. Different times, calls for different measures of reassuring, we are here to help our Parish and the Parishioners.

ASHLEY: FaceBook (FB) is Open to Communication, like the Rosary Group, easy to Join, and Establish contact with the team which manage it.

FATHER REGGIE: How do we Serve the Most vulnerable in our Community? Like the sick, elderly, the poor, etc, during the Pandemic. OPEN QUESTION TO THE FLOOR.

RUTH: How to provide the service for Formation, Spiritual feeding, sharing to the Parishioners, huge amount of information is available, like different websites, and other Biblical readings.

CECIL: Any messages, of channel of communications, all ideas, for communication & Formal types of communication, how to structurally govern those services and the Parishioners and the Clergy in our Parish.

FATHER JP: Following FaceBook (FB) with communication needs to be regulated, to much traffic online, and, too much over-flow of news-delivery can make people frighten and unsure of our services. CECIL: It's the responsibility of the Ministries.

NATHAN: It's a CRISIS, Parishioners, strategical approach, how to reach out and reconnect, Mass, videos, how we stay connected? Via Homilies. Medium, what channels of communication, like, Bullentin, we need to have emails addresses, via FaceBook (FB), Gospel Post, the main problems, are who, how, what and when to deliver the information and via what means.

DEACON JOHN: Attended via ZOOM-Link the Deacon on Diocese – lots was discussed, regarding Social Distancing, its about rethinking of life, support, mental support & spiritual feeding. How the vulnerable seek help and assistance in times of need. Social Justice Group, like the One-Meal-Program assist the poor and lonely. Liturgical teams, the readings, are all to give Spiritual Feeding, to the lonely and vulnerable.

Ministries, will be able to connect with the parishioners', ask different Ministries, how are they doing, how are they affected by the current isolation and get connected.

FATHER REGGIE: Emotional support and physical & psychological support.

CECIL: Get connected with the Ministries. Give them a call, and, get in-contact with team-leaders, Fr. Jack approved the getting in-touch with the Ministries.

EVA: To send Ministries, (already done) via WHAT-UP and photo send of ALL Ministries, (Please check your mobile phone):

COVID-19 Response – outcome for the PPC

- There will be a 3 minute weekly video every week produced by the Comms team and uploaded to the Facebook page
- In a 4 week month - 3 weeks will be an update from our clergy and the 4th week will be an update from the laity (PPC member)
- Jude & Ruth agreed to be the first PPC representatives to be part of the weekly update followed by Deacon John and family.

Other Business

- Contributions are needed & are conducted via CreditCard (CC), No envelopes are done, due to No Mass are done. Currently Insurance is \$7000 every month.
- Encouragement, is needed to support the Parish Financial Team, and contributions are needed.

Closing Prayer

- Fr. Regie

Actions

This meeting

- Create 3 minute videos over the next month – Priests, Ruth & Jude, Deacon John & Family

Previous Meeting

- Continue to read the Evangelii Nuntiandi & reflect internally – Whole Team
- ~~• A letter will be sent to the various ministries informing them that a PPC member will be visiting them – with the purpose outlined – by Fr. Reggie~~
- ~~• Members should await the official communication from the Fr. Reggie to the ministries before they visit – Members of the PPC~~
- ~~• Ensure that Ministries will be constant item on the agenda – Ewa Cheetley~~
- ~~• Respond to Sidney's email – some of the outcomes decided at the PPC about his email – Ruth~~
- ~~• Send the letter that the Bishop sent regarding being the Deacon to the Sudanese Community – Deacon John~~
- Explore the possibilities to amalgamate the Legions of Mary of the Sudanese community and the normal Legion of Mary ministry in our Parish – PPC members
- ~~• Members who have not yet opted to choose a ministry – Whole Team~~

Important Dates to Remember

- *Next meeting 21st May*