

MQOF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Monthly Meeting Minutes (over Zoom)

Date | time 21/05/2020 ! 7-9pm

In Attendance

Father Reggie, Fr. Jack, Fr. John-Paul, Deacon John, Ruth Miranda, Jude Miranda, Joseph Azzi, Ashley Azzi, Harlane Petersen, Nathan Fernandes, Cecil Fernandes.

Absent

Eva Cheetley, Phi Ngugen, Debojit Roy, Sidney Lazum

Approval of minutes

Cecil

Agenda

- Opening Prayer, Welcome & Apologies
- Share feedback from Ministries
- Reading of Evangelii Nuntiandi
- Other Business
- Closing Prayer

Opening Prayer & Welcome

- Opening Prayer by Fr. Regie
- Welcome by Cecil –Cecil shared his experience of viewing the recording of previous meetings and can see a patterns of ideas forming and the holy spirit guiding us through the agenda & discussions.
- Talked about the reason for the items on the agenda – There is a need to understand the pastoral needs in our parish and then ensure that we meet those needs – that is the reason for talking to the various ministries who will play a role in the meeting of those needs. The reason for reading Evangelii Nuntiandi is so that we also develop a common language among ourselves as a team – so that when we articulate plans to meet the pastoral needs we have a common framework & language.

Feedback from Ministries

Ruth talked about the **Children's Liturgy Ministry** – Need more volunteers & support, program in St. Michaels needs to be revamped with more support needed. Ruth to try and source support.

Harlane talked about the **RCIA ministry** – Conrad & Natalie have stepped down, Antoinette the current leader has indicated that she will be stepping down by the end of the year. RCIA – takes people who are not baptised and walks with them instructing them on the faith till they are baptised. Harlane volunteered to be part of the ministry, but indicated the need for training.

Discussed **Baptism Ministry** – we were unsure if Antoinette is also going to leave the Baptism Ministry, Deacon John, Ruth & Jude are also part of the ministry. Paul Scott will also not be part of the Baptism ministry from next year due to his commitment to his Deaconate. Workshop is run once a month. Need one more family.

Deacon John shared his meeting with the **Social Justice Group** – Suggestion if we could involve the Youth with some of the activities done by the Social Justice Group.

Youth ministry discussed – Fr. Regie talked about the Indonesian family that wanted to a premises to hold their youth meetings. Fr. John-Paul told us how some youth (teens Yr 6- Year 12) had done up the garden. More inclination to do work rather than attend talks?? We are unsure of a path forward.

Internal Formation – Read Evangelii Nuntiandi

Ruth facilitated the dialogue post the reading. She linked the reading and the views that are different ways of evangelising – to asking each of us how during these COVID locked days have we evangelised either at work or at home & encouraged members to share their experiences. Sharings were given by Ruth, Harlane, Ashley, Deacon John & Cecil.

Other Business

The meeting was interrupted twice as the Zoom meeting timed-out at the 40 minute mark. Questions on the Finance coming into the parish especially after the appeal by Michael Z. Fr. Regie indicated that they are still not out of the woods but are also not entirely desperate.

Closing Prayer

Fr. Jack

Actions

This meeting

- Check if Antoinette is going to leave the Baptism Ministry – Fr. Jack
- Deacon from Parramatta to talk to Harlane about RCIA – need to arrange – Deacon John
- Get additional support for Children’s Liturgy Ministry – Ruth M

Previous Meeting

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

Important Dates to Remember

- *Next meeting 18th June*