

# MQOF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

## Monthly Meeting Minutes – Cardinal Clancy Room

*Date | time* 23/07/2020 | 7-9pm

### In Attendance

Cecil Fernandes, Ruth Miranda, Eva Cheetley, Jude Miranda, Phi Nguyen, Sidney Lazum, Harlane Petersen, Father Reggie, Father Jack, Deacon John & Nathan Fernandes.

### Absent

Phi Ashley & Joseph Azzi and Father John-Paul

### Approval of minutes

Harlane

### Agenda

- Opening Prayer, Welcome & Apologies
- Reading of Evangelii Nuntiandi
- Feedback from Ministries
- Parish Feast Day Planning
- Other Business
- Closing Prayer

### Opening Prayer & Welcome

- Opening Prayer by Fr. Regie
- Welcome by Cecil.

### Internal Formation – Read Evangelii Nuntiandi

Ruth: The language that we want to speak of in evangelisation may not be the language others may accept as evangelisation especially in the context of our multicultural parish. Everybody has a role to play. Evangelisation is a broad circle of concern, but the circle of influence is what can we do. We will need to meet people where they are.

Cecil: If we use the last few paragraphs in Evangelii Nuntiandi as a criterion for evaluating our priests – we as parish should say a big THANK YOU to our PRIESTS. It is also a great gift to know that as our local church we are part of the big universal church – the easy example is when we go for a holiday we can hear mass anywhere in the world and the format is the same and even though we may not understand the language we can still be in fellowship with our brethren. Example where a particular parish community along with the priest cut itself off from the Catholic church about 4 years ago in South Brisbane and in a short period of time they all fell apart – highlighting the importance of us continuing to remain attached to our universal church – a real living organism that it is - no matter what. It is a great gift to know the Truth and that it belongs within this our Universal Catholic Church.

Deacon John: The language that we use to evangelise is coming from our Universal Catholic Church. (Universal) church – means unity - and that unity comes from the Trinity of - the Grace of our lord Jesus Christ, the love of God & the communion of the Holy spirit. Thus the universal church cannot be torn apart just as we can never break apart the Trinity. We cannot eliminate one part of the church (be it Asia, Africa, South America etc.) and still call it universal.

Fr. Regie- gave examples of personal encounters with people who took pride in being Australian but were not open to the culture of the Gospel. Every culture (including us in Australia- especially) must be enculturated by the universal language & culture of the Gospel - that is how we are transformed – and that is how we should connect with one another through the culture of the Gospel – expressed through the liturgy, through our worship and in the structure of our church. Sidney indicated that this could have been an isolated incident. Harlane responded by saying that we must meet people where they are on their faith journey. Ruth also gave examples of the current faith culture within Australia but with a message stressing the importance for us to pass on our faith from generation to generation. Cecil said that this loss of faith could happen to anyone of us if we don't remain attached to the teachings of the church and don't allow ourselves to be consumed by the culture. Jude said that Evangelisation is for everyone and we need to ask ourselves – what is my role? And not just blame the church and those that represent it.

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### Feedback from Ministries

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- LEGION OF MARY
  - Cecil spoke to Morris the leader of the Legion of Mary – St Patrick's chapter.
  - They meet on Monday 7.30pm
  - Say the Rosary, visit all families in the area – through door to door knocking (includes non-catholics)
  - They have a children's chapter that meet on Friday-4.30pm led by Terence and his children attend.
  - Cecil also spoke to Max the leader of the Legion of Mary – St. Michael's.
  - They meet on Monday at 2.30pm and have the Senegal on Saturday morning in the Fr. Kevin Dadswell room from 9-10. Fr. Ed Kennedy is the spiritual director.
- Both Morris & Max would love the priests in the parish to visit these meetings some times – **Action for the Fathers.**
- RCIA: Five (5) members are ready to encounter with Jesus. Catholic Faith, and, deeper Understanding, in their Faith Journey.
- BAPTISM: Six (6) people to attend. Antoinette continues as leader (action from previous meeting - closed).
- SOCIAL JUSTICE: Raising BBQ / still doing One Meal with Terry. Group to check with the Diocese office whether BBQ can be held next month.

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### Parish Feast Day Planning

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Fr. Regie – 22<sup>nd</sup> of Aug – Parish Feast Day – Opportunity for the PPC to take ownership and organise this day – Novena masses to be held for 9 days prior to the feast day. Good to have the Feast day mass and the Novena that precedes as it represents a cultural statement for us – highlight of the year in the life of our parish. Sacramental Program is also on during that time – so the evening mass has been ruled out.

- Novenas to be held for 9 days prior to the feast day starting on 13<sup>th</sup> Aug.
- Statue in one place – decoration of the alter by the Flower Ministry
- 8am Blessed Sacrament
- 8.30am Legion of Mary leads the Rosary (Morris)
- 9am Parish Feast Day Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug'20.
  - Readings by the PPC
  - Live telecast – Phi & Nathan to organise
  - Only 100 people allowed
  - St. Patrick's Church
- Mini celebration after mass to be organised by the PPC – coordination to be done through the WhatsApp group

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### Other Business

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- Profiling: regarding the Census in 2016. (information regarding the trends in the community, and, to see the changes of the population).

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### Closing Prayer

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Fr. Jack

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### Actions

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This meeting

- Visit the Legion of Mary at St. Michael's and St. Patricks – Priests
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Previous Meeting

- Call a meeting for all those who are willing to assist in the RCIA program including Deacon Rodricks from the Parramatta Diocese, Robert Hadaad – Fr. Regie - Completed
- Confirm Antoinette's availability for the Baptism ministry and whether she continues as the leader – Fr. Jack – Closed – Antoinette to continue as leader of the Baptism Ministry
- Invite more families to assist in the Baptism ministry - Ruth
- ~~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 – Closed – Fr. Reggie has organised RCIA Ministry members~~
- ~~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 – Postpone action
- Continue to read the Evangelii Nuntiandi & reflect internally – Whole Team
- 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

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### Important Dates to Remember

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- *Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> Aug*