

MQOF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Jun'21 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Where: Cardinal Clancy Room; *Date | time* 17/06/2021 7pm-9pm

In Attendance

Harlane Petersen, Joseph Azzi, Father John Paul, Father Reggie, Ruth Miranda, Sidney Lazum, Cecil Fernandes

Absent

Jude Miranda, Phi Ngugen, Nathan Fernandes, Father Jack, Ashley Azzi, Deacon John, Eva Cheetley,

Agenda

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer (5 mins)
2. Actions from Previous meeting - Cecil (5 mins)
3. Youth update – Theophil Xavier (10mins)
4. PPC Spiritual Formation - Formed Video followed by discussion (45 mins)
5. Statute amendment – Proposal to change – Fr. JP (30 mins)
6. Ministries update (St. Joseph's Men, RCIA, Sacramental Program, Social Justice Group, Bible Timeline) – All (10 mins)
7. Other business (10 mins)
8. Closing Prayer (5 mins)

Welcome

- Fr. Regie opened with a prayer
- Minutes of the Mar'21 meeting approved by Ruth and seconded by Harlane – okay to publish on the website – **Eva to action.**

Actions from previous meetings

Previous meetings - outstanding actions

- The Statute sub-committee to relook at the 2 statutes raised at previous meetings and a proposal formulated and presented back to the PPC to be ratified – **Action for the Statute Sub-committee – remains open – agenda item for next meeting.**
- Talk to the various ministries listed in the Parish Bulletin and find out the outreach activity they are doing and add this to the Bulletin – Ruth – few more ministries to be followed up – **still Open**
- Have a notice board for the Ministries - where their information can be displayed? – **Fr. Regie – still open**
- Invite more families to assist in the Baptism ministry – Ruth has reached out to Ged who is willing to engage, Fr. Regie asked that we raise this at the Bible Timeline program – Action for Ruth & Cecil – Ian & Joanne Dulawan have also expressed interest - to be fup with Ged - **still Open**
- 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 – **still Open**
- Minutes to be sent to Youth leader along with invitation to the PPC meetings (attend 1st hour) – **Action for Eva**

Youth Update – Fr JP

- This month we had to farewell Theo as our Youth Leader as she is migrating to Melbourne with her family (to join her father who is working there). We acknowledged the good work that she did and she

too was sad to leave. The good news is that we now have a new Leader in Blake, (who Fr. Regie asked to lead), he is already part of the Youth Council. He is officially starting as leader today 17/06.

- Parish youth council meets 4 times a year.
- Youth Leadership Formation Day – 19 June – The youth members have decided to go to the Diocesan organised event rather than have our own formation. 3 people have registered so far.
- 10 children attended the Juniors (upto Year 10)
- 16 children attended the Year 10 & upwards group.

Video on St. Joseph (via FORMED) – PPC Spiritual formation

- Team watched the 3rd episode on St. Joseph – titled St. Joseph – Patron of the Universal Church on FORMED
- Fr. Regie – St. Joseph placed himself at the service of the mission of the church – that which calls for a lot of discernment, prayer and humility – and it is good to have St. Joseph as the protector of that mission.
- Cecil – Words that struck me – *“Whatever role you play on earth – is accentuated when you get to heaven”* – so I can give my petitions to St. Joseph and just as Jesus obeyed him on earth – he will be obedient to his requests in Heaven.
- Joseph - St. Therese of Avila challenges us to go to St. Joseph as our intercessor. We have different intercessors for different things – but going to St. Joseph is the easy way out. Jesus was perfectly obedient to the law and if the 3rd commandment is honour your Father & Mother – then you can be sure that Jesus will listen to St. Joseph & Mary in heaven. St. Joseph is our hidden treasure – some of the mystics say there will be mass conversions through him in the future.
- Ruth - I like the typology between old testament Joseph & the new testament St. Joseph – it is God’s house and we are called to play a role just like St. Joseph – just as he played out his role in humility, and obedience without ownership we are called to do the same. Adding St. Joseph as a new recruit to the list of saints to pray to especially as a terror of demons within the same context of overcoming pride and being obedient.
- Fr. JP - Good to hear them mention the relation of St. Joseph to priests. Just as St. Joseph knew God (God - Jesus took flesh & became man & St. Joseph looked after him as a child & so came to know him), in the same way he as a priest has the privilege of sharing God & so has to come to know Him and know His mind in order to share Him – (especially knowing that I have St. Joseph on my side as intercessor).
- Harlane – Mentioned St. Joseph finding Jesus in the temple – and Jesus said I am in my father’s house – raises the question on whether Jesus knew from birth that His Father was in the temple? – Fr. Regie responded saying this is a mystery but the answer to that question is YES he realised his divinity. Also for Harlane St. Joseph as a father was always a protector & guide and he will always be our protector & guide as our father, just like her own father.
- Joseph – we acknowledge that our children and all that we have are God’s first before they are ours – Fr. Regie – blest are you for having realised this.

Statute amendment – Fr. JP

- Sections 6 & 8 of the PPC Statutes were discussed at the meeting – and a recall a previous 2020AGM events surrounding these sections were also discussed. It was finally decided that there would be changes to sections 6 and 8 as articulated below.
- Section 6 deals with who can vote to become members of the PPC at the Parish AGM - Add the statute 6.9 only nominees can vote, 6.10 ex-officio members of the PPC can also vote
- Section 8 of the PPC Statutes deals with the process of how PPC Statute changes can be made. Changes will be made to this section to clearly indicate that all Statute changes will be tabled & voted at the PPC meetings only by PPC members only and approved only after a positive vote of 2/3 of the members. These changes will then be communicated to parishioners at the next AGM, and finally will be sent to the Diocesan Chancery for the Bishop’s approval.
- Action for Fr. JP to table the statute changes at the July’21 PPC meeting

Update on other Ministries

- RCIA new team formed – 5 deepening meetings on the Symbolon series so that the members are all on the same page.
- Sacramental program – last Sunday left for First Eucharist & Ged has already started advertising for the next first Eucharist.
- Bible Timeline Program has been pushed out by a week and will finish at the end of August – one session (13th July) without any video & teaching – people to share on how the program has strengthened their faith and ask any questions on the program. This session will be finished with a fellowship of food to build community- – PPC members are welcomed. The program continues to get over 60 people every week.

Any Other Business

- We have a replacement for Fr. Jack (his last day in the parish is 8th Aug'21) – Fr. Shaday from Parramatta Parish.
- Fr. Regie is being appointed the Parish Priest from 8th August and Fr. JP and Fr. Shaday will be the assistants.
- Fr. Jack's farewell will be on the 8th Aug 10am mass – and we will have some refreshments after that – PPC members invited to attend.

Closing Prayer

- FATHER JOHN PAUL
- Meeting closed at 9 PM