

MQOF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Jul'21 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Where: Cardinal Clancy Room; *Date | time* 15/06/2021 7pm-9pm

In Attendance

Father Reggie, Father Jack, Father John-Paul, Deacon John, Eva Cheetley, Ruth & Jude Miranda, Joseph & Ashley Azzi, Harlane Petersen, Nathan Fernandes, Sidney Lazum, Cecil Fernandes, Blake Bano (Youth Minister - invitee), Kiran Saldanha (Chairman of the MQOF Feast Celebration - invitee)

Absent

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Agenda

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer (5 mins)
2. Actions from Previous meeting - Cecil (5 mins)
3. Youth update – Blake (10mins)
4. Stature amendment – Proposal to change – Fr. JP (30 mins)
5. Other business (10 mins)
6. MQOF Feast day planning – All + Kiran Saldanha (Chair of Fund raising Committee) (45 mins)
7. Give our thanks & wishes to Fr. Jack
8. Closing Prayer (5 mins)

Welcome

- Fr. Jack said the opening prayer
- We congratulated Nathan on his wedding to Anna
- We congratulated Joe & Ashley on their birth of the daughter, Gemma
- Minutes of the July'21 meeting approved by Harlane and seconded by Ruth – okay to publish on the website – **Eva to action.**

Actions from this meeting & previous meetings

Previous meetings - outstanding actions

- Get in touch with the Sudanese youth and leader – Action for Blake (after lockdown) - **Open**
- Table the statute changes agreed at the previous meeting for the PPC to formally vote on – Fr. JP **action – Completed & Closed**
- 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 – Ian & Joanne Dulawan have also expressed interest - Fr. Regie to 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 – Blake Bano

- Blake assumed the role of Youth Minister & Liturgy Coordinator of the Parish.
- Youth divided into 4 sections
 - Faith & Friendship section (Primary school children between the ages of 5 and 11)
 - MQOF Youth section
 - Juniors & Senior (ages 12-21 years)
 - Good life Series for those over 21
- Faith & Friendship 10 kids for the first program in June & 6 had enrolled for the second program but not conducted due to lockdown. Approved that there would be no online program for this section during lockdown, so as not overburden the kids during this time.
- Juniors – 1st program in June – 5 attended and Seniors Program in June – 30 attended. During the lockdown combined zoom sessions being held 35 people attended the 1st Zoom session. Combined program for both Juniors & Seniors continue during lockdown – 1st & 3rd Sunday – Zoom invite for fun & games, 2nd & 4th Sunday – Bible timeline or faith talks program.
- Good life series for those over 21 – we had a session on 24th June on “How to speak about your faith” - facilitated by Monica Dumit from the Archdiocese of Sydney & coordinated by Fr. Jack.
- Youth Initiatives
 - Proposal submitted to the Youth Council for approval – to have a Recording studio in the Nurrugingy room – setup with recording equipment – open for youth, but also for parishioners to avail, hoping to also get a Podcast broadcast from here.
 - The Youth also have their own FB page and have also coordinated jointly with the Diocese pages and have managed to get increased traffic (in 2 weeks – 1200 youth logged- 128 new youth) resulting in 3-5 extra people joining our events.
- Youth Council last met in 14th May and will next meet on 13th Aug.
- Deacon John has asked Blake to get in touch with the Sudanese Youth Group & its leader Yousuf after the lockdown (they also have good singers) .

Statute amendment – Fr. JP

- Fr. JP presented the document to the PPC with the following changes
 - Addition of statute 6.9 – The nominees and the ex-officio members of the Parish Pastoral Council are the only ones who can vote.
 - Change of statute 8.1 to read as – The statutes of the Pastoral Council can only be changed by members of the Parish Pastoral Council.
 - Change of Statute 8.2 to read as – The proposed changes will be voted at the PPC meetings by the PPC members only and agreed by at least two-thirds of the Parish Pastoral Council members who are present at the meeting. They will then be communicated to the Parishioners at the next AGM.
- Members of the PPC voted on the chat function in the Zoom meeting – and unanimously elected to pass the proposed changes as shown in the “202107 PPC voting for statute changes” PDF document attached with these minutes.

Thank you to Fr. Jack

- This is Fr. Jack’s last meeting with us – all members said a few words of thanks and a small gift was handed over on behalf of the PPC. Fr. Jack then said a few words of thank you and left us with the

words – “First appointments of a priest are very important and he is very grateful for the priests that he was with – Fr. Regie – parting prayer – remember we are part of the church of Jesus Christ and he has to be the centre of the everything that we do and the centre of the parish and all it does”. Deacon said thank you on behalf of the Sudanese community.

MQOF Feast Day Planning

- Kiran Saldanha – as chair of the fundraising committee organizing the Parish Feast celebrations gave the PPC an update on the activities.
- The organizing committee was broken up into 3 teams – A team to do the Brochure & fund raising, a team to organise the food activities and the 3rd team to organise the content for the online feast. The program will play on the different cultural backgrounds of the people that worship in the parish. A more detailed plan was presented with no adverse feedback. The PPC thanked Kiran for his efforts.

Other business

- Father Jack’s final mass will be on Sunday, 08 August 2021
- Bible Timeline Program to restart on 13 July, after the school holidays but will be via Zoom due to lockdown. We continue to get numbers over 50 for the program.

Closing Prayer

- FATHER JOHN PAUL
- Meeting closed at 9 PM