

MQOF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

March'21 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date | time 18/03/2021 7pm-9pm

In Attendance

Harlane Petersen, Eva Cheetley, Cecil Fernandes, Nathan Fernandes, Joseph & Ashley Azzi, Deacon John, Father John Paul, Father Reggie, Father Jack

Absent

Ruth & Jude Miranda, Phi Ngugen, Sidney Lazum

Agenda

- Welcome & Opening Prayer – Fr. Regie
- Actions from Previous Meeting – Cecil (5mins)
- Youth Update – Jess
- PPC Spiritual Formation – Formed Video Followed by Discussion (45mins)
- Other Ministries Updates (TGIF, RCIA, Sacramental Program, Social Justice Group & Bible TimeLine. (20mins)
- MQOF Parish Feast – Pentecost celebration Draft Plan – (20mins)
- Other Business (5mins)
- Closing Prayer

Welcome

- Fr. Regie opened with a prayer
- Minutes of the Feb'21 meeting approved by Fr. Jack and seconded by Harlane P – 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.**
- Get feedback from the Chancery on our statute changes – **Fr. John Paul – Completed & closed** – Chancery has signed off the changes – **Raise action with Fr. Regie** (Parish Team) to update website & bulletin with new mission statement.
- Ensure Vinnies Conference is added to the list of ministries in the Bulletin – Cecil to fup with Anne – **Completed & Closed** – Vinnies Conference are not part of the list of ministries within the parish as they are attached to the Vinnies corporate structure (as confirmed by Dominic Pinto to Cecil). They will not be listed in the Parish Bulletin in the list of Parish ministries – So MQOF Social Justice Group will be our Social arm (committed to perform the MQOF Parish's acts of Mercy).
- 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 – had spoken to Tehilla group and they had a write up in the

bulletin, Legion of Mary, Josephite groups were also followed-up, 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 – **still Open**
- Get additional support for Children’s Liturgy Ministry – Ruth M – **still Open**
- Continue to read the Evangelii Nuntiandi & reflect internally – Whole Team – **Closed** – Decision made to use FORMED for PPC formation.
- 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**
- Parish Feast Day on Saturday 21st August and Novena for 9 days before that starting on 12th Aug. – need to adjust in Parish calendar – **Action Fr. Regie – Closed & completed.**
- 23rd May – Pentecost community celebration to be organised as a PPC initiative – ideas include invite local choirs (one at a time), have food, community building, create a program showcasing different cultures, and present at the next meeting – **Closed & Completed**

Youth Update – Fr. John Paul

- Minutes to be sent to Youth leader along with invitation to the PPC meetings (attend 1st hour) – **Action for Eva**
- Parish Youth Council (PYC) has been launched at a mass held on 28th Feb – 5.30pm – a video was made to advertise the same, is up on the Parish Website.
- 2nd PYC meeting was held last Saturday 13th March’21.
- Faith formation for the 3 groups (Young adults, Teens, Primary School age) will start in April after Easter
- CYP – Sports day cancelled & moved to 16th May – led us to think about Parish based sports day.
- 1st Friday devotion & Youth led mass on 4th Friday – 6.30pm followed by Mass – started on 5th Mar’21 & the next one is the Youth led mass on Palm Sunday – young readers required – Fr. Jack to compile list.
- Youth band to perform on the 23rd May – Pentecost Feast.

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

- The PPC watched a video on St. Joseph – the first of a four-part series - it begins by looking at Joseph from the Old Testament and comparing him with Saint Joseph from the New Testament, and then moves into reflections on three of Saint Joseph's titles; Guardian of the Redeemer, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron of the Domestic Church.
- Bible timeline program had the previous week covered the story of Joseph in Genesis and now we the PPC have relived the story in this video – Cecil
- The old testament study and the use of typology has deepened my understanding of the Old Testament – Harlane
- I have never heard this comparison between old & new testament Josephs – Ashley
- The new testament Joseph’s life inspires me in my own fatherhood & family life and the struggles to provide for a young family– Joe
- Families today are being attacked in various forms and men could learn from St. Joseph how to listen, be silent, have a lot of love which leads them to act – and to protect their families – Deacon John.

Update on St Joseph's Men's Group – Deacon John

- Deacon John gave an update – 4 aspects – 1. Pastoral side – how can we reach out with various ministries – met with Social justice group of how the mens group could assist, and 2. Community

aspect – how could we look within our Parish and bring the men together – when men come together good things can happen. 3rdly - How can we advocate for Domestic violence in our Parish & Blacktown. Perception that it is all due to men. 4th - is family – how can we fit in and play out our role. We launch tomorrow – 19th March'21 in church at 6.30pm followed by gathering @ St. Joseph's Garage.

MQOF Parish Pentecost Feast - Sunday 23 May 2021

- This is a PPC initiative – playing a coordinating role for a community building initiative within the Parish – the coming together of all the various ministries and people from within the parish.
- 11am-4pm after the 10am Mass.
- There will be a stage – a band or choir can go up and perform. Sub-committee appointed to assist with arrangements – Eva, Harlane, Phi & Sidney & Fr. John Paul
- Need to assist with Food, Entertainment & Choir Coordination
- Father Jack – Readings in different tongues, (other languages to assist with the Liturgy)
- Father Jack – Funds to go to the Youth Ministry (for music equipment – special collection)
- MQOF Parish Feast day on Saturday 21st August'21 To be discussed in the future

Other Ministries – Youth, RCIA, TGIF, Sacramental Program, Social Justice & Bible TimeLine

- RCIA – 3 baptisms, 1 scrutiny – Fr. Jack gave us an update
- Father Regie - Sacramental Program – Enrollments are proceeding
- Social Justice Group – had a food drive and have started Mary's Pantry – need to advertise more within the Parish.
- Bible TimeLine Update –Cecil – discussed the program, one hundred (100) registered, consistently 75 – 80 people, attend the program. There is good dialogue after the video. There is a sense of community building with all the people that we have known previously, becoming like-minded, God is the conversation. Harlane shared her own personal example with her husband and how it has encouraged them to read and share the readings from the old testament.

Any Other Business

- No other business to discuss.

Closing Prayer

- FATHER JOHN PAUL
- Meeting closed at 8.50 PM