
In Attendance

- Father Regie, Father Chadi, Beato Pudadera, Ekhlhas Ambili, Cecil Fernandes

Absent

- Deacon John, Harlane Petersen, Father John-Paul(JP), Eva Cheetley, Jude Miranda, Sidney Lazum

Approval of Sept'21 meeting minutes

- Ekhlhas A seconded by Beato P

Agenda

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer (5 mins)
2. Actions from Previous meeting & ratify previous minutes (5 mins)
3. Youth update (10mins)
4. AGM- plan (30 mins)
5. Family- Fr. Regie (30 mins)
6. Other business (5 mins)
7. Closing Prayer (5 mins)

Opening Prayer, Welcome (especially our new members), sign-off previous minutes

- Fr. Regie said the opening prayer
- Cecil welcomed everybody to the meeting

Actions from Previous meetings

- Ekhlhas having issues viewing the documents that were sent to her – Cecil to fup – **Completed**
- Fr. Chadi as the spiritual director of St. Joseph's mens group - opportunity to have other leaders take ownership in the group. Clergy to decide – **(action for Fr. Regie) – passed to Fr. Regie & Closed**
- Facilitate the AGM personal invitations to the ministries – Cecil, Jude – **Completed – Jude sent text & will resend with new date**
- Communicate AGM decisions to the Parish team – **Fr. Regie Completed – announcements made in bulletin & Sunday Masses**
- PPC agreed to promote Fr. Joseph Lam on our bulletin and facebook – **Fr. Regie Completed**
- Certificate of Appreciation – pursue with the Parish team – how & when – Fr. Regie (Action – with Fr. Regie – still open)
- Call the up PPC members to see who will pass the July'21 PPC minutes – **Cecil - Completed**
- Send link of the Parish Feast History video to members via the group chat – **Cecil – Still Open**
- Respond to length of PPC meetings as raised by Fr. JP – **Fr. Regie, Cecil – Completed meetings now fixed for 90 mins only from 7p-8.30pm**
- Create an intercessory group of people dedicated to pray for the vision and mission in the parish – **Cecil – Completed – others encouraged to contact Harlane if they wish to be a part of**

- Get in touch with the Sudanese youth and leader – Action for Blake (after lockdown) – **Open - Completed**
- 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 – Completed & Closed**
- 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**

Youth update - Blake

- During the lockdown – we maintained contact with our teenage groups – primarily through zoom and our social media outlets including Discord.
- During Blake’s tenure – we have had a focus on social media with a dedicated Facebook page, Instagram and Discord chat – used primarily for ministry – will be expanded to include primary and young adults post-lockdown.
- 2 new leaders – 1 to join primary and the other to join young adults. We now have 6 leaders in total, negotiating some more for the young adults – overseen also now by the Youth Council.
- 30 members in our Teen youth group (12-18 yrs), 15 in our Primary group (5-11yrs) and 5 young adults (18+) – prior to lockdown.
- Rosary to Recovery – we need to congratulate the Youth for their efforts on this.
- Organised meeting for the PYC on 12th Nov – planning face2face by 1st Dec.
- Indonesian family young youth group (Jason) who are using our facilities will be integrated into our normal youth group – Blake will coordinate with Fr. Regie to integrate Jason & team with our young adults group.
- Blake is developing a safe-guarding manual for the youth and the diocese.
- Cecil raised the question as to why the amalgamation of Jason’s team – was not taken to the Youth Council. – this raised a question having some statutes to outline how the Youth Minister and the Youth council roles would collaborate to achieve their plans – **Action for Youth (Blake)**, also ensure that all important decision regarding the Youth be passed by the Youth Council – **Action for Fr. Regie & Blake for future reference regarding Youth matters.**

AGM – Plan - Cecil

- We discussed the logistics (How) and the date as (the what) PPC presentation had already been sent to the members.
- With regards to the how the AGM will be held – it was finalised (based on conversations at the Sept’21 PPC meeting) that it would be a live stream event broadcast via Youtube and all the other Parish social media channels. However Zoom invites would be sent to the leaders of the various ministries (as listed in the bulletin) as personal invitations for the AGM. The zoom meeting will be telecast live. As part of that Zoom meeting – Ged will play the presentations covering the PPC report and the Finance Committee report. Fr. Regie will speak his Parish Priest report live in the meeting. The zoom meeting & live broadcast is scheduled to start at 11.30am and finish by 1pm.
- Additional ministries to be invited via the zoom invite - include the Sudanese Rosary Group & Sudanese Bakhita group & the St. Michael’s Rosary group under Philipino champlaincy – **Action for Ekhlas & Beato to contact the groups to attend AGM and also to add them to the list of ministries in the parish**

- Bulletin & announcement asking Parishioners to submit their questions to the Parish office email – **Action is already in progress**
- With regard to the date – the AGM was originally scheduled for the 14th Nov, but given that the Bishop was only available on the 14th to install Fr. Regie as our Parish Priest – the AGM would be shifted to either the 7th Nov or the 21st Nov. 7th Nov was a preference initially as 21st was Fr. Regie’s birthday, but we realised further that Fr. JP would be on leave on the 7th Nov – so the AGM has been finalised for 21st Nov from 11.30pm – 1pm. We will meet to wish Fr Regie after the AGM – **Action for PPC Members to bring a plate to the parish office to celebrate Fr. Regie’s birthday after the AGM.**
- Regarding the WHAT – questions were raised by some members helping in the Parish office – about the Objective of the “WALL” which was a source of misconception among some people – and this could be a source of push-back in the parish. This was discussed among those present and there was a consensus & discernment that we keep the word WALL – but we all could take this as homework to discern if there is a word that we could use instead of the word “WALL” – **Action for all to pray & discern**

Family Initiative idea from Fr. Regie

- Fr. Regie shared his vision of a particular family initiative:
- We all appreciate the value of family life and how it is really important in terms of Christian formation of next generation – a vision shared by the Plenary council regarding families.
- If we can have what we call – “A MQOF School for young Christian families” – not a big ministry – as we don’t have resources – but to have the seed of intentional parents – with growing kids (of an age that they can control them) – where they can learn how to understand & tell the story of God or the story of Salvation – taking inspiration from the Bible timeline program – to be able to form Christian families – to support one another – maybe starting with 3 or 4 families – helping in the beginning – giving them the stories of God – basic principles of creation – which they can communicate to the kids – Ascension media has many rich materials to support this – when parents become comfortable telling these stories to their kids – then when they go back home, the ice is already broken and they can talk about God more freely and easily than if they did not have the support – families talk about so many different things at home – they talk about a what they like, where would they go or some sporting events etc. – but they find it difficult to talk about how they experience God – these conversations will help build strong foundations – these kids then will become friends and will be of support to one another as they grow – hopefully they will become a witness – this may not work in beginning with Parents who do not care about being intentional in their own discipleship – but the ministry we form would become attractive to other parents who are in the same stage of life – this vision does not require to many resources – but a few families could meet in the park – or St. Pats ground - have a picnic together – they bring their lunch – they bring their kids – we give them some background stories – like the bible timeline program – they teach their kids about the same story – then they go back home and they can begin to create an environment at home where God is the centre.
- Do we have a view if there are any families that could start this initially – we think there are definitely 3 or 4 families that we know of, that could be a part of the initial setup.
- Beato said if we form them right – they will then become role models and continue to serve in our Parish communities just like we did with the Oasis Youth group in the past.
- Fr. Chadi – said that there is a movement called the X that are doing something similar with families – where they meet once a month to share their faith – maybe they will have resources & experiences to share as input into our own family ministry formulation. Fr. Chadi to send material regarding this movement to the PPC members – **Action for Fr. Chadi**
- Invite selected young families to brainstorm the vision put forward by Fr. Regie and how it could be implemented – **Action for Beato to organise**
- Ekhlas – family gathering and building – is important for them to be together – families some times have problems – but they don’t come to church to seek advice – we don’t have support networks in the

church to support – when families have problems – they will go down the path of separation – it would be a great to have a team – that they could come to the parish – and talk to the priest or a council – people to encourage them in a faith way & put God in front of them as a solution – but if they are not practicing their faith, then it gets tougher – we see a lot of children standing at Blacktown station – we wonder what their parents are doing etc. – Ekhlas has raised some concerns about some families in the Sudanies community – we agreed to continue this conversation the next time – **Action for PPC to continue conversation on support to the Sudanese families (especially raise with Deacon John)**

Any other Business?

- Fr. Regie – raised the idea of Blake attending the PPC as a permanent – Beato was in favour – but we agreed to stay the final decision pending further discussion – **Action to discuss this at our next meeting**
 - Fr. Regie’s installation as Parish Priest is on the 14th Nov – and the PPC will play a role in assisting in whatever way – contact Sarah to offer PPC support for the function – **Action for Cecil**
 - Fr. Regie raised the idea of ministries coming to the PPC forum to give us updates of how they are functioning and if they need any assistance etc. as part of ministry update at our PPC meetings – agreed that Jude Miranda to be the point of contact with our ministries – **Action for Cecil raise as item agenda for future PPC meetings.**
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Closing Prayer

- Fr. Chadi – said the closing prayer.
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Next Meeting/s

- PPC Executive meeting – 11th Nov – 7-8pm
- PPC Monthly meeting – 18th Nov – 7-8.30pm
- Fr. Regie installation as Parish Priest – 14th Nov – 10am-11am - Live
- MQOF AGM – 21st Nov 11.30am-12.30pm – via Zoom invite – live broadcast