

Monthly Meeting Minutes (via Zoom)

Date | time 16/09/2021 | 7-8.30pm

In Attendance

- Father Regie, Father John-Paul(JP), Father Chadi, Eva Cheetley, Jude Miranda, Sidney Lazum, Beato Pudadera, Ekhlhas Ambili, Cecil Fernandes

Absent

- Deacon John & Harlane Petersen

Approval of minutes

- Month of JULY: Ruth & Eva – Month of AUGUST: Fr. Regie & Fr. Chadi

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer & welcome - especially our new members
2. Passing of previous minutes (July & August meetings)
3. St. Joseph's Video & Sharing
4. How should we communicate with our Parishioners (as we cannot have our AGM in person)?
5. Fr. Joseph Lam's Theology Course - should we introduce to our Parishioners?
6. Any other business
7. Closing Prayer

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

- Fr. Chadi said the opening prayer
- Cecil welcomed everybody to the meeting with a reminder that the duration of the meeting has been changed from 2 hours to 1.5 hours – as per previous meeting discussion points.
- Cecil welcomed Beato Pudadera & Ekhlhas Ambili as new members of the PPC appointed by Fr. Regie for an interim period of 1 year. Beato explained his involvement in the life of the Parish – Currently on the pastoral council for the Filipino Chaplaincy, also one of the leaders of the couples for Christ, he was also one of the advisers of the Oasis Youth Ministry and was on the Parish Council during Fr. Kevin, Fr. Robert & Fr. Peter's terms as parish priest. He is also currently an acolyte. Ekhlhas explained her involvement with Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, she is a mum of 5 children – married to Michael – had a church wedding in 2008 – in 2016-17 she volunteered for the Children's Liturgy and participated as a Kitchen hand, at St Michaels school canteen – she is currently a nursing assistant in St. Dominic's Nursing Home. Ekhlhas having issues viewing the documents that were sent to her – Cecil to fup
(Action)
- The 2020 PPC Vision, Mission & Objectives presentation was shared to the new members Fr. Chadi, Beato & Ekhlhas. Fr. Chadi asked the question WHY? Were these objectives of W- Worship, W- Word & W – Wall chosen. Cecil explained the WHY? in a 2 minute version – in 2019 when Fr. Regie, Fr. Jack & Fr. JP joined the parish – the situation in the parish was likened to the time in the Bible Timeline of 800BC when the Israelites returned from exile in Babylon and found that there were things lacking and

instituted in a dedicated way the Restoration of the Temple, the reading of the Word & the building of Wall as instigated by Prophets Nehemiah, Ezra & Zerubabel.

Our own discipleship growth – St. Josephs Video Pt. 4 & discussion

- We will practice in our PPC that which we want to happen in our Parish – that is why we have these sessions of watching a video and then sharing to grow in our faith.
- Fr. Regie – Reflecting on the needs of our times and the concerns of families – it would be good if our pastoral initiatives could address their needs – especially supporting young families – these thoughts of mine have been further strengthened by watching the St. Joseph video. We have seen the fruits that have come out of similar initiatives e.g. Couples for Christ (of which Beato is a leader) – where the faith is passed down to the next generation. We are hoping with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit - we can talk about having such initiatives.
- Beato – St. Joseph is my model, but is also the Patron of the Phillipino Chaplaincy as he is of migrants. The chaplaincy has been celebrating the feast of St. Joseph for the last 20 years – and there are many virtues that he has that can be a model for us to emulate – the right to remain silent and be a doer within the family.
- Jude – talked about St. Joseph’s virtue of patience – as the head of our families (our domestic church) –it starts with us men - we are expected to be role models, we are expected to give the correct answer & advice – being a father it is not easy – similar to difficulties that St. Joseph faced and how he faced them – he had to listen, and had to do what he was told, he had to be patient and do God’s will – so we must also follow likewise – but there are also many other men who also need our support – thus having a men’s ministry is a good thing for our parish and it is a good thing to connect to St. Joseph through this ministry.
- Ekhlas – St. Joseph had a lot of challenges when the angel came to him – challenge to accept what was asked of him – Christianity starts with the family – what the parents do – prayer or bible study at home – kids learn from the parents – they are the first teachers of the faith – example in her own family of praying & reading the bible – Prayer every day (give us this day our daily bread) Christ the head of the church as fathers are the head of the family – and we can look to HIM and to St. Joseph for inspiration.
- Cecil – we have a great opportunity to set and agenda in the Parish now regarding Family life and Family ministry – the fruits of which we will not see for another 5-10 years. St. Joseph is a good example of what the head of the family should be doing.
- Fr. John-Paul – during this time many people have mental health issues – People have a problem being at home – but charity begins at home – if we cannot show charity at home and use doing work in the Parish as an excuse, we are not practicing the virtue of charity begins at home – hopefully in MQOF we are allowing & encouraging the families to practice their charity at home (the domestic church), as opposed to only helping in the church & its activities and neglecting their own homes & their children. 70% of those in jail do not have fathers – one more reason for supporting our fathers.
- Fr. Chadi – reflection with a group on the litany – St. Joseph was a man of action – according to the will of God – therefore it is a call – if I am willing to do the will of God in action – even if it not my will and what I don’t want to do – so we need to listen for his will.
- Fr. John-Paul – recommended 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**)
- Sidney – Importance of the family and the head of the family – the father & above that is Christ – if families are unstable – many things can happen that affect the children – so the importance of the father figure – St. Joseph was an example – not much is written about him in the bible – but it would be good if the church could tell us more about him – so that we could use his examples in our own families.

How should we communicate our Pastoral achievements & our future plans?

- Cecil set the scene for this next discussion - We had our AGM in Nov'2020 – we cannot have an AGM this year – but we have a duty to report back to the parish – at the last PPC meeting we talked about what we should communicate – Opened up for discussion - how should we communicate to the parish.
- Eva – it is quite hard – recommended a report posted on the website – and after mass – have a 3 or 4 minute speech of what occurred during the last year.
- Fr. JP – recommended a live streaming event (less than an hour) similar to what we did at the feasta – with pre-prepared videos – which people can re-watch later on facebook. If people watching have questions they could send us by email or through the chat channels – similar to the way the feasta was run.
- Fr. Chadi – recommended a short video with a montage – explaining what happened this year – with more pictures & less talk – that can be posted on facebook
- Fr. Regie – after clarifying liked Fr. JP's recommendation
- Cecil – last year we had about 80 people – because we sent out invites – the strategy is to grow the 20% of people that do 80% of the work in the parish to grow from 20% to 40% - recommended a combination of broadcast similar to Fr. JP's recommendation along with a zoom invite to the ministries (keeping the personal touch) – helping to strengthen the networks within the parish as previously discussed. Cecil to facilitate the personal invitations (**Action**)
- Jude – recommended sending out a questionnaire – so that people can send their questions in (have a cut-off date) including the ministries – that can be addressed at the broadcast – Ministries – could also in advance share what they want to say to the parish at the event.
- Decided that 14th November would be the target date for the AGM – Fr. Regie to communicate this to the Parish team (**Action**)
- Beato – we have to give advance notice
- Clarification if the state opens – we will plan to have the event online and if the state opens up – we can have both an online event and invited ministries attend in person.

Should we advertise the Fr. Joseph Lams Theology course in the Parish?

- Fr. Regie – Fr. Joseph Lam – a theology scholar in our dioceses is offering a Theology course
- 1st Oct – Fortnightly – For 6 weeks – Theology course by Fr. Robert Lam – PPC agreed to promote on our bulletin and facebook.
- Eva & Ekhlas expressed interest in going
- Fr. Regie to put on WhatsApp chat and feed for the Parish Team to do the communication (**Action**)

Any other Business?

- Sidney – asked if we have a Certificate of Appreciation for people that have served in different ministries including PPC members? Not sure if we had this tradition in the past – but it would be good if we could start it.
- The idea was appreciated and Fr. Regie said he will work out the how, what and when with the Parish Team. (**Action**)

Closing Prayer

- Fr. Regie – said the closing prayer.

Next Meeting/s

- PPC Executive meeting – 14th Oct – 7-8pm

- PPC meeting - 21st October – 7-8.30pm