

Pastoral Council Notes 9/28/23

Present: Kim Keefe, Ray, Jack, Fr. Dave, Bev, Carolyn, Eva, Mark

1. Adult Ed update:
 - a. Goal: reinstate regular adult ed at church, more routine like it was before
 - b. 10/22 First adult ed forum. Maria Fleming- 2 part series (10/29) Plurality and polarity of gender and sexuality in the Church. Part 1- survey community, Part 2 response to that.
 - c. 11/26- Claire Willett: We have always been Here
 - d. Jan 2024- pieces of the synod, Maria, Michael and Valerie. What's been happening with the synod
 - e. Feb 2024- TBD
 - f. Mar, Apr May 2024- BIPOC Catholics
 - g. June 2024-TBD
 - h. Next year will be based on scripture, each month a diff theme. Tap talent from Church.
 - i. Committee organization makes the work easier to get done
 - j. Fr. Dave points out that 10/22 is Mayan celebration and the day after auction
 - k. 40 min presentation with time for questions/conversations. Focus on Q & A
 - l. Always 4th Sunday of the month (trying for it)
2. Committee Updates
 - a. Senior ministry- check
 - b. Pastor selection- Jack- pastoral council and admin council at St. Francis were dismissed and Jack remembers this day. Fr. Dave not ready to retire. Jack proposes rename of committee called "Parish Preservation" Jack pulling former St. Francis members with other appointed members. Jack has had health issues that he feels have slowed down the work. What did we see at St. Francis that we didn't pay attention to that were red flags before shut down. Want to avoid that from happening at St. Andrew. Carolyn proposes making the name change. Fr. Dave reminds that there wasn't a priest who wanted to work at St. Francis which was part of the downfall. Shortage of priests in general. Younger priests weren't interested. How can we get someone who wants to be a priest at St. Andrew? Clergy convocation happening this week. Archbishop would like very much to "reclaim" St. Andrew. Fr. Dave will reach out to priests who would be a good fit. Archbishop has a very different vision of Church.
 - c. Other committees? Not much update
3. Gender Guideline Updates
 - a. Carolyn- no one is talking about the guidelines. Not sure what the Archbishop is going to do. A lot of people left schools, but no one is talking about enforcing the guidelines
 - b. News article about Catholic schools in Cleveland that aren't going to follow these type of guidelines

- c. Parish subsidy: Fr. Dave has a concern about sending a subsidy to schools who might be implementing the policy.
 - d. Mark: what schools will be implementing these guidelines? St. Rose. Madeline new principal came in asking questions and can't imagine new pastor implementing policies
 - e. St. Clare: not going to pay attention. Doesn't impact the day to day
 - f. Peter: proposes not sending subsidy. Fr. Dave says they may have to but perhaps write a letter as to why St. Andrew doesn't want to support
 - g. Fr. Dave might write a letter to pastors of schools where the parish sends supports. Expressing our concern as a pastoral council. We will have to reconsider sending subsidy. Fr. Dave, Peter and Carolyn to work on letter together via Google Doc. Will send around to PC for review.
4. 12:30 Community
- a. Eva's mom working on volunteers for making auction dinner/procuring donations
 - b. First communion/confirmation sign-ups have started. Lots of kids!! No final count yet
 - c. Work with Mayan community to get 10/22 celebration coming
 - d. How were Friday dinners? Eva didn't participate. Good turn out for first and last . Fr. Dave went. Older group from 9:30 and younger fams from 12:30- 2 different groups. First gen immigrants don't always prioritize integration-story of immigration. Most of 12:30 is first generation immigrants and working until 5 or 6 and made it hard to show up for Friday. Don't judge it entirely from that time
 - e. Music and food after Mass might be the most helpful way to get people together.
 - f. Puentes attendance is down. Formed in a time of crisis during deportation concerns. Now the crisis is not quite the same but a factor that isn't present any more. Fr. Dave is oldest member of the 12:30 community!
5. Fr. Dave Update
- a. Auction- going well. Lisa is busy, focused on auction.
 - b. Church repair- no more noise! Banners for anniversary taken down and clean/fix bricks behind it. Exterior is done. Still have to replace parts of tops of towers. Finished in October. Coming along well. Matching fund happened! \$65K estimate to do interior work- patching/painting work.
 - c. Celebration of completion of work- Feast of St. Andrew! Make some plans. PC wants to organizing Lisa and Jerry Lindsay have been working hard, putting name on shingle to be forever emblazoned in Church. Right before Advent, maybe fish fry, form a committee. Include the contractors in celebration, Fr. Dave had a nice connection with them.
 - d. First Sunday of Advent? Feast of St. Andrew is 11/30 (thursday)
 - e. Synod webinar happening at UP on Monday nights (zoom). Some have been moderated by some parishioners/ UP employees. St. Andrew called out as a parish doing something good for LGBTQ community. How do we keep the young people in the Church. YOung people expressing conerns about inclusivity and keeping role of laity in the Church. Interesting stuff,

- f. Meeting with Archbishop- gathering wasn't real organized, not much of a process, superficial topics. Sort of disappointing. Lots of clergy in this vicariate, retired priests who help out. Not much in Southern OR. Roseburg on Catholic church in county. No extra priests. Our vicariate can send extra priests to help with need because they can find subs easier than they can in southern OR. Not a new problem there. Diocese should open a retirement center in southern OR so there are more retired clergy there.
- g. Fr. Dave gone at convocation next week in Newport.
- h. Deacon for Mayan community is reluctant to do things with greater community, but promised for the 25th anniversary celebration they will go with 12:30
- i. Family Promise: provide housing in the night for families to have a safe space. Madeline and All Saints- some parishes provide other support if they don't have a great space. St. Andrew tries to help people pay rent to stay in their own homes.
- j. Feast of St. Vincent de Paul celebration yesterday 9/27. Fr. Dave reads part of St. Vincent de Paul homily. Service to poor and formation of clergy