

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
June 22, 2016**

Present: Fr. Ray, Eileen Bowes (staff-ex officio), Allison Cyganowski, Rosemarie Dykeman (finance council- ex-officio) , Jacques Gagnon, Ludwig Heil, Sandy Hogan, John Sullivan

Absent: Jane Brihan (staff- ex-officio), Peg Bush, Bruce Denner, Deacon Chris Everhart (staff- ex-officio) , Sue O’Malley, Fatima Walsh (staff- ex-officio), Sandy Zielie (development – ex-officio)

Opening Prayer – members

- 1) **Minutes** – Minutes of 5-18-16 meeting were accepted with changes and will be posted on the website.
- 2) **Divine Renovation Conference Feedback and Discussion**

Eileen reported that the conference affirmed the evangelization efforts that have been underway since October 2014 to transform individuals and the community as a whole in loving Christ. She reported that the Divine Renovation process seeks to help churches go from being “maintenance/status quo” churches to “missionary churches”.

The process has several stages. Eileen provided a handout explaining the stages:

- ❖ **Becoming an invitational church** where members reach out and invite others to programs and worship
- ❖ **Using ALPHA** to establish a foundation where people learn to have a relationship with Christ
- ❖ **Building ALPHA TEAMS / LEADERSHIP** that impact all ministries in the parish
- ❖ **Building CONNECT / small groups** who meet together regularly for a meal, prayer, reflection and discussion
- ❖ **MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT** shepherded from within the Connect groups
- ❖ **DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS** focused on short-term adult faith formation programs such as Bible studies, topical programs etc.
- ❖ **WORSHIP** – According to the Second Vatican Council, “It is only when the fullness of the Christian life is being lived with some kind of involvement in these other aspects that the Eucharist has its proper place as the ‘source and summit’ of the Christian life.”

The process has 3 phases:

- ❖ **Launching Out Phase** – approximately 4 years. This phase consists of implementing the process, addressing fears and resistance, and building momentum.
- ❖ **Mid-Journey Phase** – approximately 4 years. This is the most challenging phase as neither where the parish was in the beginning nor the end goal are in sight and it's sometimes tempting to go back to old ways of functioning / maintaining.
- ❖ **Coming into Port / “New Normal” Phase** – also approximately 4 years. At this point the parish has been transformed into a missionary church, “that which is different is the new normal.”

Ludwig presented a short, moving video testimonial from the conference on how ALPHA impacts relationships with Christ. He then presented an outline of how the Divine Renovation process guides the work of the Parish Pastoral Council:

- ❖ Leadership focus: VISION, MISSION, and PURPOSE
- ❖ Strategic Planning
- ❖ Council Composition, frequency and meeting style
- ❖ Expected outputs from meetings and planning
- ❖ Preparation required for meetings

Fr. Ray emphasized how he expects the Divine Renovation process and use of ALPHA will guide the parish transformation from a maintenance mode to a missionary church. He shared his expectation that all staff members and PPC members who have not already done so will be required to attend an ALPHA training in the near future to build the foundation. He requested that all PPC members read **Divine Renovation** by Father James Mallon. Fr. Ray will have the bookstore order copies for all members.

Members decided to proceed with studying the book. We will do a study group to understand and discuss the material. The first study group will be Wed July 20th at 7PM at Barnes & Noble café.

Please read Chapters 1-3 before this meeting.

- 3) **Parish Vision Discussion** – Ludwig shared notes of key points regarding vision, mission, and purpose from the conference for further study and discussion.
- 4) ***Communicating PPC Update with the Parish:*** Ludwig reported that at the Masses of June 18-19, he or Peg Bush read a statement about the activities of the PPC. He also did a short Power Point presentation in the gathering hall. The plan is to repeat and update the presentations in the fall.
- 5) ***Action Plan: Immediate tasks before next meeting:***

Item	Member(s) responsible
Read Divine Renovation Chapters 1-2 and attend study group July 20th 7PM at Barnes & Noble	All members
Register for ALPHA	All members who have not attended
Prepare agenda for next meeting	Fr. Ray, Ludwig, Allison
Prepare meeting minutes	Sandy H
Send approved minutes for website posting	Sandy H
Notify members of next PPC meeting and coordinate food	Sandy H
Clear gathering hall bulletin board for PPC and ALPHA materials	Sandy H

6) Next Meetings:

Wednesday July 20, 7PM, Barnes & Noble Divine Renovation Study Group

Wednesday August 17, cookout at rectory, time TBA