**St. Gregory the Great Family Pastoral Council (FPC)**

**April 22, 2024**

 **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Present: Fr. Steve Angi, Debbie Birck, John Elliott, Dan Frey, Jim Moyer, Gloria Parker-Martin, Pam Payne, Chris Richard, Megan Roach, Jeff Zalar

Jim opened and closed the meeting with prayer.

March minutes were amended, then accepted.

Jim clearly defined that the FPC is a consultative body that assists the pastor in matters of pastoral activity. We are to explore and study matters of importance to the Family of Parishes. The FPC is the primary means by which the voices of the parishioners are represented. The FPC advises and makes recommendations to the Pastor who then, should he decide to act on the recommendations, instructs the Leadership Team to execute and implement the recommendation.

This meeting focused on communication and steps FPC will take as we progress in Beacons of Light (BOL).

* We will publish an annual progress report on BOL followed by a townhall. Since the financial information should be included in the report, this will most likely occur in the fall after financial reports are posted. We will answer questions, listen, and share this information with our Pastor and Leadership Team.
* Jeff will be the lead on the FPC annual report.
* We assigned liaisons to various ministries:
	+ Communications – Jeff Zalar
	+ Worship – Dr. Gloria Parker-Martin
	+ Evangelization/Education – Megan Roach
	+ Church Leadership/Stewardship – Jim Moyer
	+ Deacons – Debbie Birck
	+ Health/Love in Action – Chris Richard
	+ GA Pastoral Council – Dan Frey
	+ IHM Pastoral Council – Pam Payne
	+ SJF Pastoral Council – John Elliott

As our Leadership Team is complete, ministries will come together more fully.

* FPC recognized that all sacramental staff meet together under the leadership of the Director of Evangelization, currently Jay Mather.
* FPC will advise the Director of Worship, currently Michael Johnson, that we recommend that Masses are not standardized throughout the family, that each parish should continue their own traditions.
	+ The Worship Commission in each parish should suggest to the Worship Director any changes their parish wants in their masses.

FPC suggestions for all family events include:

* A Mass on each campus honoring their saint
* Celebrate the uniqueness of each parish
* Since #4 townhall comments showed a desire to recover and recognize all volunteer groups during the context of a Mass, we recommend this. Perhaps all groups could attend one mass timed around nationally recognized volunteer week. The Mass could be followed by a social/luncheon.
* A well known Catholic speaker
* Square dance
* Trivia night
* Grandparents and Grandkids event
* Theme night
* Great Catholic women event

What approach should we take in the future toward financial stewardship? FPC will do an in-depth study later in the year to make this decision.

FPC wants SGG to be a ‘destination family of parishes’. We would like priests, staff, and people want to come and be a part of our St. Gregory the Great Family of Parishes. To do this we will need the right planning, both short and long term. FPC should be positive and excited when talking with people and supportive of our skilled staff. Following through on our plans is key. We need to continue to be credible.

Going forward, each parish council liaison w/give a very brief report to the FPC.

Since our next meeting falls on Memorial Day we moved the meeting to Monday, June 3 at Guardian Angels.

Pastor’s Report:

* The anointing Mass for our family will be this Saturday, 4/27 @ 5 PM @ IHM.
* Mental Health Wellness ministers will be commissioned during 11 AM Mass @ SJF this Sunday, 4/28.
* Josephine Missions will preach this summer in our Family. Schedule TBD.
* Matt Spencer has been hired as Assistant Director of Worship/ Music Director at GA. He will begin June or July and will be housed at GA.