**St. Gregory the Great Pastoral Council (PC)**

**November 25, 2024**

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

Guests: Joan Cardone, Mark Dulle, Jenifer Tietmeyer – St. Gregory the Great (SGG) Directors of Finance

Chris opened our meeting with prayer.

October meeting minutes were approved.

From the dialogue with SGG Directors of Finance, we may not see many changes to staff location; we may begin to use the same Microsoft platform to ease communication; phone systems could be connected so an extension is dialed vs a complete number. Consideration is being given to selling unused property in the family. Currently the retired priests house on the IHM Campus is being used by IT with the apartment on Columbus Avenue still appropriate for use. The role of all staff continues to evolve to best utilize the strengths and talents of each staff member. The overall financial health of the Family is strong at this time. Each church continues to build reserves to plan for the long-term maintenance needs of our facilities.

Liaison Reports:

* Guardian Angels:
  + School registration for currently enrolled students opened November 18. This will provide staff with the knowledge to know which grades can house more children.
  + New pipes for the organ will be installed in early 2025 as part of the church renovation.
* Immaculate Heart of Mary: The Parish Council continues requesting holy water fonts at two doors from the Director of Worship.
* St. John Fisher: Parish Council will make the decision soon if they will move forward with adding members.
* Deacons will meet with Debbie on January 13 for a progress report.
* Megan reported that Evangelization is streamlining the Confirmation process. Steve VonHoene, Associate Director of Youth Evangelization reviewed the programs at all campuses and adjusted accordingly. The youth catechesis programs at all campuses are being studied to determine the most effective ways to enroll more participants at every level.
* Jeff reported for Communications that our February 2025 townhall will follow a similar structure as our previous ones, that being an evening time from 7-8:30 possibly in the undercroft at Guardian Angels and a Saturday morning possibly at Immaculate Heart of Mary after morning Mass. The theme ‘Called for More’ will circle around soon-to-be formed councils and recruitment of volunteers for these councils.
  + The Pastoral Council agreed to advise staff that since the Slido program is not necessary for townhalls the annual subscription not be renewed.

Pastor’s Report:

* Together Sunday brought in many people to our churches.
* Interviews for Music Director at St. John Fisher continue. There are two applicants at the present time.
* Regum Christi will hold a young adult retreat at St. John Fisher.
* Fr. David Sunberg will be leaving the seminary for another assignment at the end of June 2025 so he will no longer be available to serve as a weekend associate.
* Fr. Steve Angi begins teaching Canon Law at The Athenaeum in January 2025.
* Girl Scout leadership in our family met with Mark Dulle and Fr. Steve. The archdiocese will recognize the Marion badge.

Our December meeting date is scheduled for December 23rd but due to the proximity to Christmas we decided to cancel the meeting. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7 PM at St. John Fisher.