

St. Raymond Pastoral Council Minutes
February 23, 2017

Members Present: Fr. Lawrence D’Anjou, Augustine Gill, Tess Chiampas, Preeti D’Souza, Renee Perko, and Bill Silberman

Absent/Excused: Chuck Haupt, Martha Victoria

Opening Prayer: Father D’Anjou opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:09 p.m.

Approval of January 12, 2017 Minutes: Motion to approve: Tess Chiampas; 2nd: Bill Silberman; unanimously approved.

New Member Introductions: (Father D’Anjou) Father D’Anjou introduced the parish’s new Business Manager, Augustine Gill. Augustine shared his background and aspirations for his new position. Morgan Iannuzzi will also join the Pastoral Council.

Amazing Parish: (Father D’Anjou) Councilmembers share their impressions of mass at Holy Spirit Church in Fremont. Augustine will work with staff to consider implementing some of the many positive aspects of mass at Holy Spirit Church.

Formed: (Bill Silberman) Tutorials will be offered to teach parishioners how to access and use Formed. Bill reviewed the new program Forgiven, reverse collections that provide information about Formed, and engaging parishioners through Flocknote. Council members are asked to recommend to Father D’Anjou and Augustine individuals to assist in implementing Formed. Formed program recommendations can be publicized in Flocknote and the parish bulletin.

2017 Bishop’s Appeal: (Father D’Anjou) The Appeal directly supports the programs and services of all parishes throughout the Diocese. The Appeal will be reviewed at masses in March. Parishioners will be introduced to the Appeal, educated about the Appeal and asked to donate to it. Although St. Raymond generally meets its parish commitment goals, last year it did not because of the capital campaign.

Lent Plans: (Father D’Anjou) Thursdays will include a Soup Night and adult faith formation (e.g., videos). Fridays will include a Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross. Taize will be offered on three Fridays. Seminarian Alejandro Baez will present a Lenten Mission.

New Business

Crucified Christ: The Council discussed highlighting the crucifix that is currently used for the processional and then placed on the altar or getting a larger permanent crucifix.

Forty Days for Life: (Father D’Anjou) Forty Days for Life will begin again.

Legion of Mary: (Father D’Anjou) The Legion would like to start at St. Raymond. The Legion will help with Eucharistic Adoration.

Closing Prayer (Father D’Anjou)

Meeting concluded at 8:55 p.m.