

**St. Raymond Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**March 17, 2017**

Members Present: Fr. Lawrence D’Anjou, Augustine Gill, Morgan Iannuzzi, Tess Chiampas, Chuck Haupt, Renee Perko, Bill Silberman, and Martha Victoria  
Absent/Excused: Preeti D’Souza

**Opening Prayer:** Father D’Anjou opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:02 p.m.

**Approval of February 23, 2017 Minutes:** Motion to approve: Bill Silberman; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Martha Victoria; unanimously approved.

**New Member Introduction:** (Father D’Anjou) Father D’Anjou introduced Morgan Iannuzzi as the newest Pastoral Council member. Morgan loves working with teens and will be a wonderful asset to the Council.

**Lent:** (Father D’Anjou) Thursdays will include a Soup Night that will benefit Birth Right. The Friday Fish Fry has seen an attendance increase of 17 – 18% compared to 2016. The Stations of the Cross will also be offered on Fridays. Taize will be offered on three Fridays. Confessions will be offered on March 21 and 22 for youth and their families and for everyone on March 28. Seminarian Alejandro Baez will give a Lenten-themed presentation likely on April 4.

**Capital Campaign:** (Father D’Anjou) Only a few punch list items remain. A trash enclosure needs to be built. Plans are being made to beautify the interior of the church; additions include new carpeting, stone flooring, reflective lighting above the Risen Christ statue, lighting for the Stations of the Cross and St. Raymond’s portrait, a tabernacle, and mosaic behind the altar. If funds are available, consideration will be given to adding a stain glass window in the tower above the altar and replacing the fabric on the benches. Construction is scheduled for July and August.

**2017 Bishop’s Appeal:** (Father D’Anjou) The parish’s target goal is approximately \$59,125. The Appeal was introduced at mass last week. Parishioners will receive more information about the Appeal next weekend and the following weekend, parishioners will be asked to donate to the Appeal.

**Formed:** (Augustine Gill, Father D’Anjou) Parish and school staff will attend a retreat on March 24 to discuss Formed and develop a plan to integrate Formed into their programs, activities, classes and ministries. A subcommittee that includes Pastoral Council members and one at large member of the parish will develop a one-year plan that follows the liturgical year. Parishioners can use Formed to educate and enrich their faith by accessing content by themselves or with others, with the intent to share with others in small faith communities to build relationships with others and God.

**Amazing Parish:** (Father D’Anjou) Father D’Anjou provided overview of positive aspects of Sunday mass at Holy Spirit Church. Councilmembers may provide Father D’Anjou additional suggestions to improve experience. Consideration was given to rolling out new approaches when the church is renovated. Consideration was also given

to seeking help from groups other than those typically asked to handle activities. For example, rather than asking the Knights of Columbus to handle traffic coordination, the Young Adult Group may be asked to take on this responsibility. The Council will prioritize ideas at its next meeting.

**New Business**

**The Filipino Community:** (Tess Chiampas) On a Sunday in May, the Filipino Community would like to celebrate Flores de Mayo, a May Crowning tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary. If possible, they would like to work with the Hispanic Community. Father D'Anjou noted that the Legion of Mary is also interested in a May Crowning to be held possibly after a Saturday 5:00 p.m. mass. Father D'Anjou would like to learn more about the proposed May Crownings and coordinate them.

**Parish Hike:** (Chuck Haupt) The next parish hike is on March 25.

**Parish Festival:** (Father D'Anjou). The parish did not hold a Fall Festival in 2016 due to the construction project. Historically, the festival is held in September or October. The Council discussed the festival and other smaller gatherings, timing, participation, and other ideas to share fellowship, build the parish community and thank volunteers.

**Closing Prayer** (Father D'Anjou)

Meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m.