

St. Raymond Pastoral Council Minutes
May 18, 2017

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

Opening Prayer: Father D’Anjou opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:05 p.m.

Outreach to Parents/Family Resources/Family Enrichment: (Joe Itchon) Joe introduced a program that is used worldwide to improve society by strengthening families. Courses foster spousal relationships, develop virtues, train parent, improve communication and develop skills for effective parenting. Courses are based on the age of children. Courses generally have 15 – 30 couples with approximately 5 couples per team. Study includes individual, couple and group exercises. Although the program is non-denominational, cases studies reference practices of pious Catholic families. The yearlong course costs \$395 per couple. When Joe finished presenting the program, he left the meeting. The Pastoral Council then discussed the program and shared their impressions.

Approval of April 27, 2017 Minutes: Motion to approve: Tess Chiampas; 2nd: Bill Silberman; unanimously approved.

Formed Sub-committee: (Augustine Gill) Augustine reported that more feedback is needed from various groups in the parish and school. He will be meeting with them and will report back to the Pastoral Council.

Amazing Parish Follow up: (Father D’Anjou) The Council discussed the use of music at mass and reviewed the variety of music themes depending upon the mass.

Welcoming Committee: (Augustine Gill) Tess is coordinating a welcome brunch for new parishioners. A brunch will be provided once per quarter. New parishioners will be given a welcome packet that will include information about the various ministries in the parish.

New Business: (Father D’Anjou) The Church will be closed July 24 – August 17 for interior work.

Closing Prayer (Father D’Anjou)
Meeting concluded at 9:30 p.m.