

St. Raymond Pastoral Council Minutes
April 27, 2017

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

Opening Prayer: Father D’Anjou opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:11 p.m.

Capital Campaign: (Father D’Anjou) Only a few punch list items remain. The warranty period has begun.

2017 Bishop’s Appeal: (Father D’Anjou) The parish reached 98.5% of its goal. Over 300 parishioners participated. St. Raymond had the 3rd highest donor participation percentage in the Oakland Diocese.

Formed: (Augustine Gill, Father D’Anjou) Augustine headed a parish and school staff retreat to discuss Formed. Bill provided an orientation to the resources available on Formed. St. Raymond School Principal Catherine Deehan, Director of Religious Education Maggie Ringle and Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator Shannon Rogers will develop a plan to incorporate Formed into their existing curriculum. They will be presenting the plan to Augustine by May 15.

The Formed Subcommittee consists of Father D’Anjou, Bill, Morgan, Augustine and Lorrie Hickel. The subcommittee will evaluate and recommend content for faith formation and promote Formed. The subcommittee will also collaborate with the School Principal, Faith Formation Department leaders and Ministry Group leaders. The subcommittee may contact St. Michael’s Parish to learn how St. Michael is using Formed.

Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary Celebration: (Father D’Anjou) Catholic Daughters and Legion of Mary will host a family celebration and Rosary procession on May 13. The afternoon will culminate with a mass at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of March 17, 2017 Minutes: Motion to approve: Chuck Haupt; 2nd: Bill Silberman; unanimously approved.

Parish Website: (Father D’Anjou) Dorothy Demonteverde redesigned the parish website. She will continue to make improvements; for example, providing parish registration forms on the website.

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: (Father D’Anjou, Bill Silberman) Father D’Anjou has appointed Bill as the new Adult Faith Formation Coordinator. This is a new, volunteer position. The coordinator will work with the Pastor and parish staff to help adult parishioners better know Christ and make Christ better known. Parishioners will be consulted – probably through a survey - regarding their faith formation interests and needs. Small faith communities will be encouraged.

Outreach to Parish/Family Resources: (Father D’Anjou) A parishioner advises the United Nations on the role of parents and also offers workshops for parents. Father D’Anjou is interested in having the parishioner share about the role of the family. Father D’Anjou will provide Councilmembers with a link to related material.

Amazing Parish Implementation: (Augustine Gill) Parking is challenging after the Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses. The side entrance to the church needs attention. Morgan suggested having children bring up to the altar their own offerings; maybe children could have their own envelopes. The Council also discussed adding new speakers in the church, having a ministry fair in the fall; consider having a parish prayer; hosting an open house for new parishioners.

Welcome Committee: (Augustine Gill) Augustine and Tess met to discuss a welcoming committee. The committee could welcome new parishioners in a variety of ways, such as coffee and donut gatherings. The Council discussed whether monthly or quarterly open houses would be better, and the group opined that monthly meetings may be too frequent.

Parish Festival: (Father D’Anjou). The parish is considering three evening events – possibly including music and food on the new church plaza. In lieu of the Fall Festival, the Tri-Valley Young Adult Group could participate in a social event.

Closing Prayer (Father D’Anjou)
Meeting concluded at 9:07 p.m.