

## Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2020 @ 4:30 PM

### Council Members in attendance:

Father Paul Nwaeze  
Father Rick Lorenz  
Donna Bisson  
Cathy Deogrades  
David Dupuis  
Ted Hurley  
Wayne Watts

**Other attendees:** Cathy Koss (Youth Coordinator), Sharon Sudsbear (Catholic Women's League), Bob Near (Knights of Columbus) and Marc Gaudet (Seminarian)

Call meeting to order

- Wayne called the meeting to order at 4:39pm
- Wayne welcomed our new seminarian Marc Gaudet
- Due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus and isolation measures in place the meeting took place online through Webex: Meeting number (access code): 298 036 810 Meeting password: G3wKJpCD57 (74395572 from phones and video systems)

1) Approval of March minutes - approved

2) Leading the Parish through the Covid-19 crisis

- a. Father Paul spoke that we are doing our best to keep up our spirits in this difficult time to not lose hope; God is with us and we are in the Feast of Easter and we will get through this
- b. No known cases of Covid-19 in our parish
- c. Father Paul and Father Rick have reached out by phone and email to over 400 parishioners to check on them
- d. The Knights have been checking on their older members to ensure they are okay and ask if they require any assistance
- e. Covid – 19 has made us very aware that we need to improve/update our methods of communication with parishioners
- f. Emails with forms asking for contact information (phone #s, email addresses) were sent to all ministry heads requesting they forward to all members of their ministries. This will assist the parish office in getting updated information for as many parishioners as possible.
- g. Easter Triduum masses on FaceBook Live were well “attended”
- h. Plans in place during this time to keep parishioners connected and served are:
  - i. Daily masses posted online on the church website
  - ii. Drive through confessions in the church parking lot
  - iii. Youth Group continues to meet via Zoom on Friday nights

- iv. RCIA continues and the Alpha planning group are meeting to see if they can begin Alpha online
  - v. The office continues to work on a more comprehensive communication strategy to inform parishioners about items – Twitter, FB, website, road sign and front door
  - vi. Sharon to inform CWL about the online masses, confessions, etc.
  - vii. Bob suggested a weekly bulletin be posted on the website and sent via email to announce times for confession and communicate mass times and other pertinent information
  - viii. Wayne suggested we add the website to the road sign
- 3) Introducing Mark Gaudet – Mark is our new seminarian and will be with us until the end of August. He has spent the last 7 months in Cornwall and is 2 years away from being a priest. He loves photography and has been a big help setting up the livestreaming for our masses, etc. He is working with Cathy to reach out to the young people in our parish and he will be starting an online rosary that will take place before each daily mass. He is also busy taking photos of the church to post on our website.
- 4) AGM
- a. It was agreed to move forward with the AGM as originally planned on June 17<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Jennifer will send an email to all ministry heads asking them to prepare their ministry updates for the Parish Annual Report
  - c. If restrictions are still in place in June:
    - i. the meeting will be live streamed on Facebook and a moderator can take questions
    - ii. Parish council elections will still take place – the nominating committee will virtually meet to discuss how to make this happen
    - iii. The report will be posted on the parish website and a link to the report will be shown during the live stream of the meeting
- 5) Volunteer Appreciation – it was agreed to postpone the Volunteer Appreciation Night indefinitely
- 6) New Business
- a. The Knights will host an online exemplification for the first time tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. over 1000 (10 members from Holy Redeemer) members across Canada and the US will be involved
  - b. Refugee families are all doing well
  - c. Sharon keeping CWL updated on a regular basis
  - d. It was clarified for everyone that you can watch mass without a Facebook account from a link on the parish website
  - e. Cathy is hosting Rosary club on Tuesday with the high schools and she is connecting with the elementary schools to see what can be done at that level
  - f. David mentioned a lot of families in the parish are having a tough time – not all families have access to technology for their children to participate in online learning so schools have made Chromebooks available and the wifi is still on at the school so students can go to the school parking lot and get access to the wifi if they need to – the schools have also been busy assisting families with connecting to the Food Cupboard
  - g. RCIA is still meeting and May 31<sup>st</sup> is the scheduled date for their sacraments – no word yet on how this will be done this year

- h. The school board has created several 3 - minute videos on how to use various forms of technology to assist students and their parents with online learning. David is asking the school board for permission to post these videos or links to them on the parish website.
- i. Switches in school staffing for August – Holy Redeemer Principal, Mr. Rogers, is moving to St. James and Tom D'Amico, former Superintendent, is the new Director of Education
- j. Father Rick mentioned the army may need his services in Ottawa or another location during the pandemic
- k. Dave will set up next meeting on Google hangouts

7) Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**Next meeting is May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.**