



**ST. JOHN XXIII**  
PARISH

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

**Date:** May 13, 2025

**Pastors:** Fr. Jean Philippe Lokpo, Fr. Jose Manuel Ortiz

**PPC Members:** Carolina Perez Renteria, Krista Gilva, Sara Delva, Charles Loiseau, Tim Schmitt, Tom Lenz, Shelley Benson, Jim Burke, Alex Lule-Rivera, Pat Trafton, Elia Vergil, Shelly Benson

**Absent:** Cat Wolfe, Rob Sullivan, Cliff Barber, Matt Brands

Topic	Notes/Summary
Welcome, Opening Prayer	Meeting started at 7:02pm and Tim led us in a prayer
Review of Agenda/Reflection/ Approve minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone shared their thoughts on the new Pope and Shelley reviewed the agenda.</li> <li>• The April meeting minutes were approved.</li> </ul>
Pastor's Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next week the Comboni have a provincial meeting in Chicago. The week after that there will be a retreat in Mundelein for the US &amp; Canada based members.</li> <li>• Former superior general has been made Bishop by Pope Francis, now Bishop Tasfaye. He will be presiding at St. John XXIII the weekend of May 22.</li> <li>• St. Mary has some money from the capital campaign "To Teach Who Christ Is". We will start using these for projects in the St. Mary campus. There will be an update on Sunday, May 25 on what has been done and what is missing. If extra funds are available it will go towards the old school windows.</li> <li>• Two weeks ago, Fr. JP met with Bishop John Siemianowski to give him an overview of the parish. He was pleased with the update. Fr. JP wants to invite the bishop for a parish event. Shelley provided the bishop with a binder with all the information of the parish she created using all our past handouts. Faith also helped by putting some items together.</li> <li>• Tom will provide more details of the Latino listening sessions, but Fr. JP has decided that he is ready to make some moves quickly. First will be a creation of a Latino Advisory Board. It is a good idea. The first task will be to restructure the liturgy team by the end of the FY. He believes some people might have to step down from their positions.</li> </ul>

<p>Recap of Latino Leadership Meeting and Next Steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some of the things that came out from the session were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set time limits on roles held by people.</li> <li>- Take a human abilities class</li> <li>- More effective bilingual meetings so they can participate and share with the parish.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A question arose in how can we include the Knights of Columbus. When the knights went to Spanish mass they spoke to a number of men and they signed-up but they have not shown up to the meetings.</li> <li>• The pastor has spoken with Nelly, dean of leadership training at Mundelein to invite other leaders and see how we can train them or recommend different courses for them based on needs.</li> </ul>
<p>PPP Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 10 PPP meeting: About 28 pp were in attendance. It was the smallest turn out to date, but the meeting went well, and it helped to have teams come together. We will start working on the priorities. Teams will present their plans to the parish to recruit volunteers. They will also speak with staff to make sure they have what they need. Some do have budget needs. Tom will put notes together. We plan on having quarterly meetings for check-ins.</li> <li>• While the PPC is here to support PPP and create accountability for the groups, the groups are meant to work on their own. The PPC will still have one or more members as part of each priority and will support them as needed. Hope is that they can handle the work they need to accomplish. The PPC members will report back to the PPC. Some groups will start in the Fall. Plan is to have each group come to Mass and talk about the priority them. Fr. JP shared the process with the Comboni Bishop and he was pleased with the plan. To review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discipleship- Carolina</li> <li>- Evangelization- Cliff</li> <li>- Stewardship- Krista</li> <li>- Adult Faith formation-Matt</li> <li>- Youth Faith Formation- Pat</li> <li>- Unity- Sara, Carolina</li> <li>- Liturgical Life- Jim</li> <li>- Catechetical Advisory Board - Matt, Rob</li> </ul> </li> <li>• As a reminder we are called to be vision keepers – to be consultants for the PPP group. We should stay out of their way but be there to help when they are stuck.</li> <li>• We should look at how they all overlap to see how they can also help each other. This is a 3-yr commitment then we will re-take the DMI. We would like the PPP teams to share their meeting minutes. We could make this part of the expectation for structures. Each should also create a charter. Tom will look for all the priority items to re-share with the PPC. There should be communication with the teams. Both liturgy and Stewardship are ready to recruit.</li> </ul>
<p>Other Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraising group - we need to have a day of gratitude. Suzanne and Mary Doucette and Art are working on something to invite the 200 or so volunteers for a gratitude event. They are asking PPC to be there too.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Someone in the PPC will need to help with the upcoming campaign</li> <li>• Krista is working with the building committee and they are reviewing the space in both campuses to see how to better utilize the space for the benefit of the parish. All building will be inventoried. May 21<sup>st</sup> is the first walkthrough. Krista is asked to bring it to the PPC when that is done.</li> <li>• The new music director, Mark, has started. He will be meeting with all the choirs and has the task to combine the 2 Spanish choirs. He does not speak Spanish but has worked in parishes with bilingual parishes.</li> <li>• The R-1 visa: The bulletin letter Fr. JP shared with the parish received many responses and asked how they could help. There is a bill that would allow R-1 visa holders to remain in the country while their paper work is pending. Parishioners are asked by the Peace and Justice committee to write to their representatives.</li> <li>• An amendment to the PPC charter was presented. This included changes to the vacancies on off-cycle and the elections to take place in May. Amendment passed. There will be a succession plan presented at the June meeting.</li> <li>• Dinner with Pastor went well. We are looking at August for the next one. The idea is that you attend one, then host one. Shelley and Tim will discuss and come up with a plan.</li> <li>• Jim and Chris Murphy are working on a Faith in Place retreat. How houses of worship can save money and put it back into service. They have resources to have the parish move to renewable energy. They have sketched out a twelve-month plan to do this. They were assigned a mentor and spoke with Krista to see how that would work with our property. Other churches that did this received a \$250k grant to get solar panels. They will meet with Fr. JP and the green team and care for creation to see how to move this forward.</li> </ul>
Adjourn	<p>Alex let us in a closing prayer.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:52p</p>