

## **Holy Cross Pastoral Council Minutes - In Person**

**Date: Jan 9, 2024**

**Present:** Fr. Jay, Annette Van Dyke, Alicia Ramirez, LeeAnn Balbirona, Brian Doyle, Pat Thompson, Jeannette & Jay Green, Elodia Gonzalez, Vivian & Chito Cancio

**Absent:** Carmella Barger & Jessica San Luis

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm. In-person meeting.

### **Welcome**

- Opening and Closing Prayer- Pat
- Partner's in the Gospel
- Calendar
- Parish and Program Updates

### **Planning & Updates**

**Fr. Jay** – Rite of Welcome – Scheduled for this Sunday, 2/14 during mass. We have 6 RCIA candidates at our 9:30 mass and 9 at the 11am mass. We have 10 kids and 5 adults scheduled to receive sacraments during our Easter Vigil mass this year. First Confessions for First Communion students will take place on 2/5, 2/7 & 2/8. Contractors will be here on 1/22 to look at the ceiling in the church and complete an analysis. The Tullalip purchase is not yet finalized.

- We went over the HCC calendar of monthly events and discussed schedules during Ash Wednesday and mass schedules during lent as well as stations of the cross.
- Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday mass will be on regular schedule

### **Sacramental Programs & Ministries**

#### **LeeAnn:**

Updated us on our plans to having a Community Supper, once a month, similar to what Ebenezer does. We will re-visit this idea after Easter. Rites of Election will take place on 2/21/24 at 7pm - Holy Rosary in Edmonds.

#### **Alicia:**

Year end tax letters will be going out soon!

#### **Brian:**

Next IGA food drive is scheduled for 2/10. Planning Lenten dinners for Fridays after Stations of the Cross.

**Jeannette & Jay:**

Suggested having the Nativity play next year during Epiphany mass like we did this year, instead of on Christmas Day. It would also be nice if we had a small gift to offer to all of the children. Jay mentioned that Rita will no longer be able to help with the Box of Joy program and we will be looking for possible volunteers who may want to take over this project.

**Angel & Emilia:**

Guadalupe play and posadas went great. It is suggested that we add a few more posadas next year, including one right after mass on Sunday 12/22/24. It is also suggested that we start sign ups a few months in advance so that we are better prepared for these events.

**Pat:**

Parish grouping for Partner's in the Gospel will be finalized on 2/2/24. Priests will be assigned to designate parish in March and assignments will be announced in April. We discussed our Holiday events, including Giving Tree, Boxes of Joy, Cookies with Santa and Posadas; What went well, what needs to change and how we can make these events better next year. Suggestions and/or any feedback is welcome.

**Vivian & Chito:**

Congratulations to Vivian and Chito and to all volunteers who participated in putting together the 2023 Simbang Gabi. They are happy to host the 2024 Simbang Gabi on Dec 7.

**Annette:**

We have officially converted from OSV online giving to PushPay online giving. As of this week, all scheduled gifts through OSV have been stopped and all except 4 of the OSV givers have moved to Pushpay. We have ended our contract with OSV. Offerings for December were 15% above projections.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.** Our next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2024