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

**Date:  October 10, 2023**

**Present:**  Fr. Jay, Alicia Ramirez, LeeAnn Balbirona, Angel Herrera, Brian Doyle, Carmella Barger, Pat Thompson, Jeannette & Jay Green, Elodia Gonzalez, Vivian & Chito Cancio, Guy Hazelzet.

**Absent:** Annette Van Dyke, Emilia Herrera, Jessica San Luis

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

**Welcome**

* Opening and Closing Prayer- Pat
* Calendar
* Parish and Program Updates

**Planning & Updates**

**Fr. Jay** Thanked everyone who participated in the Partners in the Gospel Synod meeting. All information shared was sent off to the Archdiocese. Anyone interested in responding or submitting their comments can do so online through the Archdiocese website. We hired a part time Maintenance Coordinator. His name is Fred Zielie. Patricio and Veronica Marquez will be coordinating our Marriage Prep classes. We will have no Quinseañera masses next year, but will still have the option to receive a blessing during a Sunday mass. We are not permitted to have any food vendors nor any private vendors of any type on site. We are no longer having the medical clinics on site due to no longer having a high demand for one.

* We went over the HCC calendar of monthly events.
* Vivian & Chito will be the coordinators of Simbang Gabi celebration.
* Emilia & Angel will be the coordinators of the Posadas & they will start rehearsals for the Guadalupe play soon.
* Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Saturday, 12/3 at 11 am.
* Giving Tree sign ups have begun.
* Milk & cookies with Santa will be on Sunday, 12/3 after each mass.
* Discussed food sign-ups for each night for Posadas as follows: 12/22 to 12/23, 12/24
* We will follow up with Martha Aquino to see if she can lead the Pastorela for our Spanish mass.

**Sacramental Programs & Ministries**

**LeeAnn:**

Youth Group is going great. We currently have about 30 kids participating. We also have new adult volunteers. Food drive did not go as expected due to Railroad Days event in Granite Fall. Not enough food was collected. Will be reaching out to other food banks and organization to see if they have a surplus of food that they can share. Looking to have another food drive on Nov 4. Due to low funding, we are pausing rent assistance for Outreach for the remainder of the year.

**Alicia:**

If you have not signed up for online giving through PushPay, and need help, please see me. We are hoping to have everyone moved off of OSV and enrolled in PushPay by the end of October.

**Carmella:**

Currently there are RCIA participants and the group is looking to partner with Outreach on Sundays to assist with food distribution.

**Jeannette:**

Antonio will be covering the morning masses on Christmas Eve and Jeannette will be covering the evening masses. We are looking for new members to join the choir with Antonio for our Spanish masses.

**Brian:**

Planning a Pancake Breakfast on Nov 12. There are 3 new members that have joined the Knights; Dave (Red) Mclaughlin,  Peter Rodriguez, and 1 transfer Sean Zoufaly.

**Vivian & Chito:**

Shared that Amy brings great energy to our Youth Group and they are happy to participate in bringing food in for our Youth. They agreed to coordinate Simbang Gabi and they are inviting the Filipino community to volunteer to bring food.

**Guy:**

Working on getting gutters put on the Outreach Gazebo. Also looking at the possibility of having Christmas cards available for sale after masses again.

**Angel & Emilia:**

Talked about Guadalupe play & posadas. We will also have food sign-ups and rehearsal sign-ups for the Guadalupe Fiesta. Baptism classes are going great. We had 19 baptisms in September.  Angel also shared that there are 4 couples who just completed MFCC (similar to a marriage encounter group) and are searching for some ministries. Fr. Jay suggested that we build on what we currently have instead of creating new ministries. Some suggestions were to have them help with our Youth Group program, or to talk to Julie & Raul about being part of their prayer group on Fridays and/or forming a Spanish Bible Study group.

**Pat:**

We have started sign-ups for The Giving Tree on Tuesdays during Outreach. So far, we have 24 families that have signed up, which is a total of 57 children to receive gifts. Giving Tree will go up on the weekend of Nov 18 & 19. Gifts must be returned by Dec. 10.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.  Our next meeting is scheduled for Nov 14, 2023.