

**ST. MARTIN de PORRES**  
**WORSHIP COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**April 18, 2017**  
**Parish Center Conference Room**

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Jerry Cipkowski at 7:05 PM.

ATTENDANCE: MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Nick, Deacon Marion, Cindy Cairns, Jerry Cipkowski, Diane Budzinski, Dorothy Moon, Kathy Groth, Sue Kochanowicz, John McGovern, Pat Kaczmariski, Mary Alyce Gaffke, Mike Garcia, Jim Hostnik and Sister Pat.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Dan Mamuyac

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: Approved

ONGOING EDUCATION AND FORMATION OF THE COMMISSION:

Fundamentals of Stewardship – Part Two. Nurturing our Family with Time and Love.

ONGOING PARISH LIFE

**a. Old Business**

1. The parts for our new sound system have arrived at the sound company, but are not yet on site. We hope to have them installed soon.
2. The dates for our Festival of Ministries has been changed to September 16-17 to be combined with the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of our parish. Several organizations and volunteers will be working to make this a parish-wide event.
3. The overall evaluation of our Lent and Easter liturgical celebrations was positive. The homilies were inspiring. Larger crowds were present. Some practical issues regarding preparing the incense earlier, consecrating more hosts, and reminding the people that if the consecrated hosts run short, Jesus is fully present in the wine which has become the Precious Blood. A question was asked if 6 ministers are needed for the foot washing and Fr. Nick explained that they were.
4. The brainstorming meeting that was held on March 28<sup>th</sup> with representatives from the various organizations was very good. The group discussed ways that the various organizations could work together for parish wide events and keep the fund-raising events to a limit and scheduled over a period of time (not several close together). The group decided that more meetings for planning are needed and that the first event would be our parish's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 16-17. This will also be combined with our Festival of Ministries.
5. Other: (a) Based on our parish demographics, it is suggested that our evangelization focus be first on our Religious Education families and then on the household in our neighborhoods.  
(b) A suggestion was made that we periodically list in the parish bulletin the expenses the parish incurs for such things as heat, light, altar bread and wine, etc. so parishioners can better understand our financial responsibilities.

**b. New Business**

1. The Appalachia Mission trip will be combined with members from St. Michael's Parish in Sterling Heights and those from our parish. There are 20 people who have volunteered to be "missionaries," ten from each parish.
2. The Divine Mercy Novena is being recited on Monday through Friday at 6:30PM and is being led by Fr. Nick and Deacon Marion. There are about 35 people in attendance.

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3. The new welcome books are being printed by the Archdiocese of Detroit print office and should be available in mid-May. There was a delay in the Pictorial Directory delivery, but they will be available soon. Notice will be given when they arrive to those entitled to receive one.

4. As part of our parish's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 17<sup>th</sup>, we will invite our newly-appointed regional moderator, Bishop Bob Fisher, to be the main presider at the 11:00 Mass.

5. Archbishop Allen Vigneron will be issuing a pastoral letter which he will compose after praying over and reading over all the consensus statements that were composed at Synod 16. That letter will give parishes the direction they are to go in following Synod 16.

6. Other: (a) There is a need for more opportunities for Bible Study classes and adult faith formation in our parish offered at different times to accommodate people's schedule. Some planning is already being done on this. Depending on who becomes the new director for the RCIA, some of that planning may become part of his/her responsibility.

(b) Our parish organ is 50 years old. John McGovern's organ recital is on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM.

### **c. Upcoming Liturgical Celebrations:**

1. First Communion celebration at the 11:00 Mass on April 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be 18 children.
2. May Crowning Procession on May 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:45 AM followed by the 11:00 Mass.

Evaluation of the Meeting: Informative

Next Worship Commission Meeting – Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Prayer Leader: Sue Kochanowicz

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Meeting ended at 8:30 PM with a Synod 16 Prayer