

**St. Martin de Porres Warren, Michigan**  
**Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Tuesday, February 6, 2018 Parish Center Conference Room**  
**MINUTES**

From our Parish Mission Statement: *How is what we are going to do help us “to strive to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the mystery of God’s love in our midst, to serve one another and the wider human community and to continue the Mission of Jesus?”*

**Opening Prayer Experience and Attendance:** The meeting began at 7:05 PM with a meditation on the upcoming Sunday Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of the Year: Compassion.

Members Present: Fr. Nick Zukowski, Pastor and Finance Council; Gary McMenamin, Chair and Faith Formation/Education Commission; Jerry Cipkowski, Worship Commission; Rocky Mercier, Christian Service Commission; Chiara Regan-Moore, Youth Representative. Members Absent/Excused: Kevin Labudde, Knights of Columbus.

**Ongoing Formation of the Council:** See Below. **Review of the Minutes:** Approved

**Ongoing Parish Issues**

**A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)**

1. Update on parish hall atrium storage area: the Archdiocese of Detroit has approved the release of our Changing Lives Together funds to pay for this project. All bills will be submitted to the A o D for approval. Work will begin when our Faith Formation classes end in April.

2. Coordinating fund-raising events on the parish master events calendar – next meeting? Some parish leadership reps attended the meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mike Garcia and Gary McMenamin will meet with individual groups in the parish to educate and inform them of our vision and plan.

3. Fr. Solanus Casey Beatification Mass on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Ford Field  
Catechetical materials about Fr. Solanus Casey available: Two of our PPC members attended the Mass, which they said was beautiful and inspiring. They were so proud that our own Deacon Marion Jurewicz proclaimed one of the petitions for the Universal Prayer of the Faithful. Over 150 parishioners attended the Mass. Fr. Nick watched it at home with his sister Kathy, which turned out to be two days before she passed away.

4. Any other Old Business? UNLEASH THE GOSPEL: The Evangelization Committee is planning a three-Saturday workshop here at St. Martin de Porres on April 14, 21 and 28 in the parish center hall. This will be similar to our Parish Dialogue Session we had in anticipation of the Synod 2016. There will be a video presentation on the pastoral letter, table discussions and group sharings. All parish members and staff are invited.

**B. Issues for discernment/consensus (New Business)**

1. Proposed Archdiocesan Campaign to support Catholic Education: Fr. Nick met with a representative from the company which is contracted to raise about \$200,000,000 in a campaign to help Catholic schools and institutions. It will be much more aggressive than the Stewards for Tomorrow Campaign of 1993. Fr. Nick expressed his thoughts and concerns. More info to come!

2. Central Macomb Vicariate Pro-Active Plan: Nothing to report.

3. Any other New Business? Gary McMenamin would like to explore Rocky Mercier’s idea on establishing a prison ministry with volunteers from our parish.

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**Report of the Commissions:** See submitted reports.

1. Worship Commission: See Report.

2. Education/Formation Commission: See Report. Trying to get more involvement of Faith Formation Parents and young adults with a social event that is also educational.

3. Christian Service Commission: See Report. Extensive discussion on working with the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Macomb County to provide rides for needy parishioners to church for Sunday Mass. This service may begin in the Fall. Volunteer drivers will be screened and trained. Liability has not been an issue in the 25 years this has been provided by IVC. We are hosting the Warming Center guests the week of February 18-24, 2018. Because of the extreme cold, we are expecting at least 100 guests each night. Donations have been generous.

4. Evangelization Committee: See Report. Excitement about the April parish dialogue sessions as we break open the pastoral letter: Unleash the Gospel.

5. Parish Finance Council: See Report.

6. Youth Representative: See Report.

7. Central Macomb Vicariate Representative: There were no meetings in December or January.

**OPEN FORUM / UPCOMING EVENTS / FYI:** Mentioned the light posts in our parking lot and what can be done to make them more obvious to drivers looking for a parking place. Posts have been hit twice in the past year.

Our Worship Coordinator Sr. Pat Whalen is recovering slowly from her cancer surgery. The oncologist says she will be almost like her old self by Easter Sunday. Our parish office manager Lori Isaac had gall bladder surgery in January. She is expected to be back to work by Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

We offer our condolences to our night time maintenance man, Greg Dominick, on the passing of his 90-year-old mother Mary Ann.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** Propose Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7 PM.

**EVALUATION OF THE MEETING:** Fantastic, moved along.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** The meeting ended at 8:15 PM with a Prayer to Unleash the Gospel.

Submitted by: Fr. Nick Zukowski