

## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Opening Prayer: John Cellucci

The Council discussed a process for reviving the Welcoming Committee. Volunteers from Pastoral Council and Stewardship will collaborate on one or two events each year for welcoming new parishioners. Those invited should consist of both newcomers and parishioners who have been actively involved in parish activities.

**Evening Prayer, Sun Oct 9, 2022, at 4 pm will** be followed by a social with light refreshments.

Discussion around the **Synod Listening Sessions and Disciple Maker Index raised** ideas about how best to attract young parishioners, and to promote dialogue with parishioners known to us and those we meet through social events. One idea was to introduce a breakfast event following Sunday morning children's Mass for the parents of REP children, and others like the picnic last Spring with food trucks.

Other ideas suggested combined meetings with Men's Groups of other parishes, e.g., St Cyprian's, as well as other groups (Walking With Purpose, etc.) and the like. It was suggested that announcing upcoming events from the altar would reinforce notices in the bulletin and/or the website. In addition, we should consider combining resources with neighboring parishes including Scripture reading, book club, interpretation, and discussion of church doctrine, thus eliminating duplication of parish services.

Fr. Joe asked the Council to reflect on ways we can implement socializing activities, taking into consideration what we heard at the Joint Councils meeting from the discussion, and writing down 2-3 ideas/topics/priorities to be presented at our next meeting in November in another discussion of the Synod Listening Session and DMI comments.

Closing Prayer: Submitted by Doug Kent

The next meeting will be on November 7, 2022, at 7 pm. A reminder that anyone interested in attending and observing is welcome.