

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY, 2019**

**Attendees:** Fr. Jesse, Steve Melaragno, Willie Garcia, Jesus Salazar, Aaron Ware, Deacon Felipe, Deacon Wally, and Johanna Blanchard.

Meeting convened at 7:10 with prayer.

November Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Old Business**

- A representative from Diocesan Bulletins will meet with Tina on Jan 8. Tina to convey our dissatisfaction with Diocesan in hopes of them improving their service.
- The request for DSF\$ for the Port Ministry is still in the works.

**New Business**

- Since Fr Jesse is being transferred effective Jan 7, we need someone to teach the confirmation classes that he had planned to teach. The first class is on Jan 20 and there are 21 students. We will also need someone to meet with the Adult confirmation class which consists of 2 young ladies. Fr Jesse had met with them once already, and the next class is Jan 19 from 10-12.
- Juan Castro has been hired as part time youth minister to carry on the group that Cristian had started.. They are trying to get a group together for World Youth Day Houston which will be at St Jerome Catholic Church in Houston on Sat Jan 26 from 1-8pm with overnight adoration from 8pm to 6am. The cost is \$20/person. No charge for the vigil mass and adoration
- St. Michael's will be hosting a Prayer for Unity Event at the Civic Center on Jan 24. Since we will be in between priests at the time, we will not be hosting our own Ecumenical Day of Prayer. Instead, Tina will coordinate with St. Michael's.
- We discussed the timing of the transition from Fr. Jesse to Fr. Sebastian. Fr. Jesse reports to his new assignment on Jan 7 and Fr. Sebastian reports to St. Mary's on Feb 1. Fr. Limani will provide the sacraments in the interim.

An update was provided by Marilyn on Sacramental Preparation and Evangelization which is attached.

Our next meeting will be Feb 7

Adjourned at 8:00 with Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Johanna Blanchard, Council Member

## December 2018

### Sacramental Preparation

- **RCIA** The Rite of Welcome was held at the 11:00 Mass on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monica translated the Rite. All but one was present. He had to go to Florida for a Wedding. Breaking Open the Word also began that day and continued until Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, not held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Sunday sessions were held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday sessions were held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (Br. Bill taught this Class). On the 18<sup>th</sup> the RCIA hosted the 'La Posada'. We had 15 attend. One of the girls attending the Sunday sessions had to go back to Mexico. A Bilingual letter was written to her new pastor explaining the classes she had participated in for preparing for the Easter Sacraments.

### Evangelization

- **Senior Day "Stars of the Sea"**. We had 27 attend our senior day on December 20<sup>th</sup>. We began our morning with the 'La Posada' and continued with Christmas Bingo, Christmas games and lunch. Next fun day will be on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting in the Parish Hall. It will be easier for the older people to park.
- **Patricians** was held on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30. Topic was 'Suffering and the Plan of God'. James Saccomanno was the lay speaker and Fr. Daniel our Spiritual Director did not show. 11 attended. Topic for January will be "**How and Why do we Pray the Rosary(part 1) and What and Why are there different Orders of Priests (part 2)**" and it will be held on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Legion of Mary-** Two groups one in English (9:30 a.m. on Tuesday)is still meeting with 9 attending and the one in Spanish (9:00 a.m. on Friday) with 4 attending. Members are doing a lot of visiting, helping to take communion to home bound, working with prison ministry, visiting and bringing communion to Nursing home and home bound. Also working with RCIA and hosted Senior Day. The junior group is still meeting on Tues afternoons at 4:30. Legion also facilitated the 'La Posada' and helped host one on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Altar Society-** had the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting with 14 attending. Over \$500 was donated toward the Christmas Flowers. Members prepared the church for Advent, for Mary's Feast Day, back to Advent and then Christmas. Busy month! No names were submitted for a President-elect. We will try again in January. Members helped host 'La Posada' on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.