

2019

ANNUAL VICARIATE MEETING OF PASTORAL COUNCILS (AVMPC)

AGENDA

(two hours)

Welcome & Opening Prayer – Vicar

Purpose of the Annual Vicariate Meeting of Pastoral Councils – Vicar

Gather as a vicariate to discuss and develop pastoral plans of evangelization for the region and collaborate in carrying out those plans. Vicariate planning for evangelization should be influenced by parish and diocesan pastoral priorities. The Annual Vicariate Meeting of Pastoral Councils serves to strengthen the connection between local parishes in the vicariate and between parish pastoral councils and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) Report – APC Vicariate Representative

- Sex Abuse Scandal - Discussing and giving input and advice to the Archbishop on diocesan response, keeping victims in the forefront, and the swift & transparent way issues have been dealt with locally. Catholics don't want to be defined by this scandal but by our faith and love for Christ.
- Unity in the Church – We must be a counter-witness to divisiveness.
- Hispanic Ministries – Over 50% of Catholics in western Oregon are Spanish speakers. Our councils and other leadership groups should reflect this.
- Commitment of APC to work more closely with Pastoral Center staff.

Update on Pastoral Priorities – APC Vicariate Rep. / Pastoral Center Staff person

- Report on the progress made by the Pastoral Center on pastoral priority initiatives: Catechesis & Faith Formation, Divine Worship, Catholic Young Adult Ministry, Vocations, Marriage & Family Life, Works of Mercy
- Handout summary reports

Archdiocesan Pastoral Assembly (APA) – APC Vicariate Representative

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Assembly is Nov. 22 & 23, 2019 at St. Joseph's Parish in Salem. The assembly will focus on becoming an evangelizing Church. The pastor and two pastoral council representatives from every parish will gather for the assembly. See handout: Process for Selecting Delegates for the assembly. Pastoral council chair should work with the pastor to help identify delegates and submit their names. The pastor must approve the delegates. New members of the APC will be elected at the assembly. The next APC will carry forward the vision of evangelization and help ensure the resources of the Church are directed toward evangelization. The upcoming three years will be key for the life and mission of the local Church.

Vicariate Pastoral Planning for Evangelization – Vicar & APC Representative Discussion (in large or small groups). Please record the items discussed.

1. Is your parish setting its people on fire for Christ and the Gospel? If so, how?
2. What are the most important signs of a vibrant, evangelizing parish?
3. What metrics should be used to evaluate the faith life of a parish?
4. How can parishes in the vicariate help each other become evangelizing parishes?
5. How can the Archdiocese help parishes become more evangelizing parishes?
6. What is the role of the pastoral council in helping the parish become a more evangelizing parish?

Note: In helping to answer the above question, a helpful resource and reference for council members is the Policy & Guidance for Pastoral Councils booklet found at: www.archdpx.org. Go to “About,” click on “Archdiocesan Pastoral Council,” scroll down to “Resources,” click on Policy and Guidance for Pastoral Councils booklet.

The APC representative and the Pastoral Center staff person take notes and report back to the archbishop and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council.

Additional Vicariate Business – Vicar

- Info sharing amongst parishes, announcement of upcoming events, calendaring
- Are there ideas or pressing issues or concerns that the Vicariate would like to communicate to the Archbishop through the APC vicariate representative?
- The vicar may wish to raise additional vicariate business

Closing Prayer – Vicar