

In attendance: Mary Farren, Lija Joseph, Margaret Roylance, Yasmine Dalton, Ann Wilcox, Kathie Long, Cathy Carver, Frank Wharam and Jeff Gallant, Brian Romer Niemiec, Fr. Dan Riley, Fr. John Sassani, Rosemary Seibold, Michelle Solomon, Kate Neal, Erica Johnson

Space at Sacred Heart

Fr. Michael is completing his dissertation and leaving no later than July 31st.

Fr. Dan has been meeting with various Groups to discuss the best use of the Sacred Heart Rectory space moving forward.

Besides the CPC, groups reviewing advising Fr. Dan with regard to the options include: SH collaborative Space Committee, The Finance Councils and the Staff.

Use of the rectory revolves around the following parish needs:

1. Need for increased pastoral meeting space on the parish campus at Sacred Heart
2. Need for increased office space for our full-time priests and some staff at Sacred Heart
3. Need for increased priestly pastoral presence from our full-time priests at Sacred Heart
4. Need for more flexible space for community gatherings, events, meals, etc...
5. Need to clarify the current use of space in the rectory (there is shared space that is both residential use and administrative use)

Options include:

- Keeping the status quo:
 - having a priest Studying at BC living in residence.
 - Second floor of the rectory would remain private space
 - Staff would retain office/meeting space on the first floor with kitchen areas/schedules to be shared.
- Creating a Pastoral Center in the rectory building
 - First floor – create additional meeting, prayer, and function space for a variety of parish events and needs
 - First floor – move toward handicap accessibility
 - Second floor – rooms repurposed to office space and staff meeting space (including offices for priests)
 - Air conditioning install and heating update throughout.
 - Notes:
 - This decision does not impact the discussions relating to the convent.
 - This decision does not make irreversible modifications to the rectory building. The building could be reconfigured to a residence if needed at a future date.
 - Living space at Our Lady's is available for future student priests
 - Increased office space would allow for increased priest presence – priest would be able to make appointments and then have the space to meet with parishioners.

Comments and Conversation:

- With the priest shortage, priestly presence will continue to be a struggle regardless of plan put in place.
- Moving forward in the decision making process we have to define what the rectory can do....look at opportunity vs. loss.
- Pastoral staff presence is as important as priestly presence.
- Priest presence comes in these forms among others: working pastorally in the rectory presence and living in the rectory presence.
- Any changes will have to involve ADA compliance on the first floor.
- Have we explored creating an apartment with a separate entrance on part of the second floor?
- Some members of the council were looking for more information on specifics before giving final advice
- Several members of the council were in favor of the increased pastoral use of the rectory that a Pastoral Center would create.

Pastoral Plan Conversation: Vision and Goals

The findings of the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) and the Current Metrics of the collaborative were distributed and reviewed with the members of the council.

- The DMI is the results of the questionnaire created by the Catholic Leadership Institute that 117 parishioners collaborative wide chose to fill out last spring.
- In reviewing this data we can compare our collaborative against Large Parishes, Suburban Parishes, Diocesan Average, all Parishes Nationally that were polled and finally the top 3 parishes.
- The current metrics of the collaborative provides data with regard to Mass attendance, data from the goals in the completed pastoral plan and financials of Our Lady's and Sacred Heart.

Review of this data before we next meet will help us determine areas that are central to our focus.

Abuse Crisis Update

Post 2002, with regard to priest: abuse is met with 0 tolerance and a life-long ministry ban if the accusations are found to be credible .

Focus is now on Bishop Accountability: with an eye toward the US Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting November 12 - 14th.

Comments:

- Appreciation for Fr. Dan in his efforts to keep the issue front and center.
- Praise for Michelle, Rosemary and Kristina for the outstanding programs they have in place focusing on the safety of our children.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm - at Our Lady's

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Arpino