

**Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More**  
**SUMMARY of the Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**October 17, 2018**

**Present:** Father John Cayer, Michael Williams, Mary Ballard, Wayne Evans, Mary Goble, Christa Calamas, Donald Thomas, Sue Steverson, Lauren Kubelka, Dasha Nixon, Chaney Coggins, Michelle Harkness, Joy Smith, Valeria Robinson, Silvia Alderman.

**Absent:** Jeanne O’Kon, Michele Taylor, Brother Rahl Bunsu.

Father John opened the meeting with a prayer and a Scripture reading, asking that we remember all who have suffered losses with the recent hurricane.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the September 19, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

**CSU Update:** Lauren Kubelka reported that CSU has been very busy with various activities which include: Parent’s Weekend, small group meetings and weekly Spirit Night. She announced that 250 students attended the Fall Retreat, which was the largest group in the history of CSU. Because of this response, CSU is looking for a larger venue to accommodate more students. The students will be collecting supplies for hurricane victims as well as sending students to volunteer at relief locations.

**Parish and Family Life:** Chaney Coggins reported that the first two weeks of Financial Peace have been successful. There are 30 participants, and the small group discussions have been positive. All were encouraged to continue to discuss *Formed.org* and the weekly updates and reflections with parishioners.

**Education and Faith Formation: *Trinity Catholic School:*** Trinity School sponsored a First Responder Mass on October 17, which was very well attended. Open house for Pre-K and Kindergarten was held on October 19. The Fall Festival will be held on November 3. There is an ongoing gift wrap fundraiser.

***SJPII CHS:*** The recent Hurricane Michael caused the cancellation of many events at the high school, including homecoming and the annual Mass on the Grass. The events are being rescheduled.

**Administration: *Construction projects update:*** STM personnel have completed all required paperwork. This has all been submitted to the Diocese for signatures. There is an anticipated delay in obtaining the necessary signatures due to the hurricane. The work is targeted to begin after the parish picnic.

***Parish Picnic:*** The date is October 28! Volunteer registration and sign up to attend was held October 20-21. There will be children’s activities including pony rides, a bounce house and the dunking booth.

**Rector’s Comments:** The hurricane affected so many people. Parishioners are encouraged to keep everyone in prayer who suffered a loss. Reflect and take an inventory of what is really important in life!  
***Hurricane Relief:*** Fr. John stated that the parish is collecting items for the hurricane victims. All items will be taken to St. Dominic’s Parish in Panama City. A list of needed items is posted on the parish web site. Catholic Charities of the U.S. has donated \$1 million for hurricane relief. Restoration efforts will be ongoing for many months. Everyone is encouraged to donate as they are able.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on **November 14, 2018** at 7:00 p.m.

