

PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL
Diocese of San Diego
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
Diocesan Pastoral Center – Bishop’s Conference Room

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and opened with the Diocesan Prayer.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Bishop McElroy, Bishop Dolan and Fathers: Bautista, Bosque, Brockhaus, Escalante, Escurel, Herrera, Horning, Manahan, Masillamony, Minimo, Murphy, Nuñez, Pham, Ratajczak, Ravenkamp, Spahr, Zárata-Suárez

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 30, 2019 Meeting

No corrections

5.0 DEANERY REPORTS

Cathedral Deanery: No report

El Cajon Deanery: No report

El Centro Deanery: No report

Escondido Deanery:

- There was a discussion about La Quinta.
- There was a suggestion to ask Bishop McElroy to write a general letter about the meeting in Rome with bishops throughout the world regarding the abuse.

Mission Deanery:

- There was a review of hospital coverage for Rev. Raymundus Wea, SVD.
- Rev. Jim Rafferty offered his availability for supply work after his retirement.
- There was a discussion regarding possible legislation that would require priests to break the seal of confession in cases that involve abuse.
- The schedule of Lenten penance services was made available with mutual assistance offered to assure adequate coverage.

Oceanside Deanery:

- There was a discussion about Bishop McElroy’s request to discern from the priests of the deanery to have a greater involvement of the laity on a diocesan level.
- It was suggested that the Vicar for Clergy Office should send out a simple note about a deceased priest to the Obituary Page of the San Diego Union-Tribune besides a notice internally through the diocesan media.

South Bay Deanery:

- Mr. Vino Pajanor, the new Executive Director of Catholic Charities, gave an overview of the work of Catholic Charities. He gave a brief presentation on the status of the refugees that are coming from Mexico.

- Maria Olivia Galvan shared an ongoing situation with sacramental preparation by people who are not connected to any parishes. Parents take their children across the border to receive the sacraments as they pay a certain fee for it. Pastors in the South Bay are looking to have better collaboration with Archdiocese of Tijuana to serve families, particularly regarding fee.
- The South Bay Deanery also had a conversation with Steve Stutz, Executive Director of FIAT regarding the future of the program.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Cultural Diversity

- Diocesan Multicultural Mass will be held at Cathedral High School on June 8, 2019 beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- All priests are invited to concelebrate the liturgy.

6.2 Office for Priests/Clergy Concerns

- a. Realignment of Office for Priests & Vicar for Clergy Responsibilities
 - Office for Priests will be merged with the Office for Clergy due to duplication of responsibilities.
 - Committee of priests will be formed to take responsibilities for different activities.
 - Self-assessment/evaluation can be a tool towards improvement for priests.
 - Bishop meets with each priest annually.
- b. Convocation
 - The committee of priests will be looking at the format of the convocation.
- c. Priests Assembly
 - There are two assemblies: fall and winter.
- d. Annual Priests Retreat (Private & Group)
 - Priests need to take annual canonical retreat either in group or private.
- e. On-going Education Committee
 - Priests are encouraged to have continued education.
- f. Program for Newly Ordained/other country priests
 - The committee will be assessing a program for newly ordained priests and priests coming from other countries.
- g. Discussion - Length of Years of Tenure for Pastors
 - A minimum of a six year term at a parish is recommended for a pastor.

7.0 BISHOPS ITEMS

7.1 Priests Retirement Pension Board

- Msgr. Ned Brockhaus was elected to be one of the five priests on the board. The other four are: Msgr. Richard Duncanson, Fr. Peter McGuine, Fr. Bill Kernan and Fr. Michael Pham.
- The board also needs two lay members with expertise in either pension planning or actuarial.

7.2 Diocesan Pastoral Council

- Bishop McElroy is looking into forming a Diocesan Pastoral Council with a right mix of representation.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 First Responder (Blue Mass)

- The Mass was not well attended.

9.2 Annual Catholic Prayer Breakfast for Leadership

- Kickoff Annual Catholic Prayer Breakfast for Leadership will be sometime in October.

9.3 Military Veteran Appreciation Day

- Should we consider having military Mass since we are a heavily military city?

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting Wednesday, May 16, 2019 at 10:00 A.M