

PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL MEETING
Diocese of San Diego
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Thursday, May 16, 2019
Diocesan Pastoral Center – Bishops’ 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, Nuñez, Pham, Ratajczak, Ravenkamp, Spahr, Zárate-Suárez

Excused: Fathers: Minimo, Murphy

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 22, 2019 Meeting

No corrections

5.0 DEANERY REPORTS

Cathedral Deanery: No report

El Cajon Deanery: No report

El Centro Deanery: No report

Escondido Deanery: No report

Mission Deanery: Sr. Kathleen Warren, OSF, Director of the Office for Women religious gave an update on her ministry and encouraged the deanery to continue support for women religious. Hospital coverage was confirmed for Fr. Raymundus Wea, SVD, who will be on vacation for 31 days between June and July. Some concerns were raised about the new in-house graduate level priestly formation program to be implemented beginning Fall 2019.

Oceanside Deanery: No report

South Bay Deanery: No report

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 **RECOPS**

- Preparedness in sacred space such as shooting
- A proposal to have national data for suitability priests
- Discussion about having camera in confessional
- 21% increase in tuition rate for one diocese
- Discussion about priest pensions among other dioceses

6.2 **Culture Diversity**

- Pentecost celebration on June 8, 2019 at Cathedral High School

7.0 BISHOPS ITEMS

7.1 **Seminary**

- San Diego theology seminarians will be trained by Franciscan School of Theology (FST) at USD and formation will be at St. Francis Center

7.2 **Pension for Priests**

- Teena Sarkissian gave a presentation on pension for priests
- Funding is above 80%
- Pension for priests is \$1,970.00 and holding constant
- Housing benefit is \$500.00 for priests when they retire and will increase annually

7.3 **Creation of an Independent Victims' Compensation Program**

- Most dioceses in California participate in this program
- Victims can approach this program to go through the process of compensation

7.4 **Pope Francis' new document on new law regarding misconduct**

- Everyone needs to be vigilant of this issue
- Mandatory report from everyone

7.5 **Permanent Deacons**

- What is the philosophy in the diocese?
- What is the process of becoming a deacon?

8.0 ADJOURNMENT – 12:36 P.M

Next meeting Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 10:00 A.M