

LIVING WATER CATHOLIC
Pastoral Council Meeting
September 23, 2018

Attendance:

Ruthann Frost, Jon Ayres, Kate Ayres, Matt Hale, Bill Cowie, Meredith Smith, Claire Brewer, Paul Brewer, Germaine Koomen, Ken Steeves, Jen Brown, Fr. Scott Euvrard, Joanne Levesque, Marion Hefron, Ed Mills, Diane Mills

Refreshments:

- Refreshments were enjoyed by all, plus a birthday cake for Fr. Scott.

Welcome:

- Brief introductions by attendees.
- Opening readings, then the Lord's Prayer by all.

Discussion of Current Events in the Church:

- What effect has the recent sexual abuse crisis in PA had on our parishioners?
- Reopened old wounds from 2002.
- Based on feedback, some are disillusioned; some will come but no longer will support financially, others still strong in their faith and support.
- We need to rally around our church and our priests during this time.
- Many feel it will make our church stronger as we shed light on the truth.
- What is the truth? What steps are being taken to resolve it?
- This affects the Catholic Church around the world, not just the US.
- What is the church to do? More accountability of Bishops.
- What is our Pope doing? He needs to be stronger. Only he can remove Bishops.

What have we done and could continue to do?

- Purification Holy Hours have been held. Cardinal O'Malley has shared a video on the issue.
- We are addressing the situation with adults at our Faith Formation classes.
- It is important we do not sweep it under the table, but address the ongoing issue.
- Speak about the Dallas Charter in effect since 2002, and our current practices of Cori Check and Safe Environment Program.
- Perhaps reach people who have left the church with a personal letter from Fr. Scott.
- Numbers in the pews? With shift in Mass schedule and summer, it is hard to access.

Pastoral Plan: This will be tabled until our October meeting.

Closing Prayer: Read by all in attendance.

Next Meeting Date: OCTOBER 28TH

- Opening Prayer ~ Jen Brown / Closing Prayer ~ Ed Mills / Hospitality ~ Marion Hefron