

# Minutes of Catholic Parish of Wellington South Parish

Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting

6.30pm Tues 26 May 2019 at St Anne's

*Ko tātou tetahi hāpori o ngā ākonga harikoa, e whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti.*

*We are a community of joyful disciples growing together and sharing Christ's message*

## **In attendance:**

Stephen Neal, Fr Dennis Nacorda, Joe Green, Francis Fanning, Melania Luki-Lui, John Whiting, Ivan Moss, Rachael Cahill, Andrew Pozniak, Mely Kartawidjaya

## **Apologies:**

Fr David Dowling, Penny Holden

## **1. Prayer/reflection**

## **2. Minutes of meetings**

Minutes of the meeting of April 2019 were approved.

## **3. Leadership Team**

Brief update was given by Joe:

- 52 kids enrolled for confirmation
- Ohariu Parish Lay Leadership model without a parish priest outlined
- Cardinal Dew has reiterated commitment to Lay Pastoral Leadership
- Ignatian retreat in daily life – 15 participants, 4 week programme
- Suzanne Aubert birthday mass – planning underway
- Widow/widowers mass organised
- Refugee resettlement trust has requested letter to confirm 23 Ellis St available – Fr Dennis and Joe have requested information on their accommodation plan going forward before issuing this.

## **4. Consultation Process and Discernment sessions**

Mely and Joe led an update of outcomes of the discernment sessions after Mass at St Joseph's and St Bernard's. Others contributed their insights from facilitating groups.

Some themes emerging included:

- Sadness
- Concern for youth
- Focus on mission
- Churches/masses an important "Centre for gathering"
- Data is important for some – Philip, Parish Secretary, suggested concerned individuals need to make specific requests for information that they think is lacking.
- Samoan community want to talk together; the division between the St Anne's and St Joseph's Samoan communities is still an issue.

- The Indian community don't seem to have a strong grasp of what's going on and primarily are concerned to just come to mass.
- The Filipino community are concerned to understand the past/history and how/why the parish/diocese are facing these challenges
- Consultation with school principals by Joe: St Anne's and SFDS both concerned that churches are the only spaces big enough to accommodate their whole schools (no school hall); not an issue for St Bernard's.
- Consultation timeline is on track as per plan. Key elements:
  - o First round in May – sharing of constraints and mass/priest/population data with parishioners.
  - o Second round in July - sharing of more information inc financial data and building maintenance costs with parishioners.
  - o Further consultation possible in Sept.
  - o Decision required at end of Sept.
  - o Final details to be worked through in Oct
  - o Recommendation to Cardinal due by 31 Oct
- Action items:
  - o Mely: to ensure there are more facilitators after each mass so that those who haven't signed up in advance can join sessions if they want to.
  - o Melania: Samoan community to be encouraged to participate in St Anne's sessions on 9 June and to hold their normal monthly meeting the same day directly after the discernment sessions.
  - o Melania: translation of consultation process / bishop's letter to be done if possible, especially for Kerala community.
  - o Stephen/Joe: meeting of all 3 school principals together for input before options presented to parishioners would be useful.
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## **5. Consultation Process – decision process**

Opportunity for parishioners' voices to heard through discernment sessions is important.

Method and communication of decision process is important – to demonstrate transparency and integrity of decision (some parishioners believe 'a decision has already been taken').

More data regarding the maintenance and operating costs of each of the four churches is required from the finance committee.

Parish Council and Finance Committee need a working session to develop in detail the information, decisions and options to be presented to parishioners.

Various options for parishioner input to a final decision were discussed. A "Stewardship Day" type session is being considered (– possibly more than one on different days/times to enable more parishioners to attend)

## **6. New council member**

Rain proposed as new council member following Joy's resignation.

Rain to join council as a parishioner, not as a youth/lifeteen 'rep'

Unanimously endorsed. Stephen to progress this.

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**

**Next Meeting Tuesday 25 June at 6:30pm at St Anne's**

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