

ACC Agenda – August 6, 2022
7:00pm, at Annunciation
Annunciation, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, St. Stephen
One in Christ – – Area Catholic Community

A. Welcome & [Prayer](#)

a. Attendance:

- i. Stef Rothstein (SS), Leonard Popp (Ann), Deacon Joe (SH), Joan Krause (SH), Candice Koopmeiners (SFX), Gene Poser (Ann) Sue Poser (Ann), Shirley Scapanski (Ann), Dianne Blonigen (SS), Gary Koshiol (SFX), Chuck Wocken (Ann)

B. [5.10.22 Minutes Review & Approval](#)

Motion made by Joan to approve. Seconded by Chuck. Motion carries.

C. Updates of committee work (7:10-7:30)

1. Discipleship - Leadership Gathering, Apparel

- a. Education series continuing with a bit of a break over summer. It began with stewardship (1/week with challenges to live & practice) placed in the bulletin, on screens, and poster boards. Evangelization will start in September with slides being finalized at this time.
- b. Monthly parish stories had been going, but are on pause
- c. Parish Festivals - requests for volunteers for each others' events were posted in the bulletin. Some reception to start with.
- d. Working on updating an order for OiC shirts: we will be doing a color option and reorder of the original.
- e. Leadership proposal event - using the Meet.Connect.Grow event, this event would build off as a follow-up with the idea that the parish councils understand what ACC council is doing so there is reciprocated support. This event would continue the conversation and is set for October 23rd at St. Stephen after Mass (around 11:30) in the hall. An invite will be coming to all ACC members and parish leadership (council, trustees, committees at the discretion of each parish). SMART GOAL FOCUS: 2 (Be a disciple) and 5 (Increase a sense of belonging and meaningful commitment).
- f. SMART Goals for Discipleship have been completed and are in the drive. Stef will email the Diocese to determine the process for submitting new goals. The action plan includes better engaging those in the community of faith, be a disciple around the idea of "my story", to

engage with area churches of other faiths in our community, expand involvement in understanding stewardship and evangelization through education & events, and to increase a sense of belonging and meaningful commitment for all parishioners.

2. Young Adult

- a. Melissa Fox, Danna Gasperlin, Deacon Joe, and Jason are planning an ACC gathering with food, community building, and support information and resources for parents who've had children baptized within the past year. October 9th after 9:30 Mass at SFX. The team will be reviewing and reflecting on this with the potential of doing this every 6 months.
- b. September 8th at Beaver Island, Kristin Colberg the only female from the United States who was invited to be part of the Synodal process in Rome.
- c. Bible study that continues to go well.
- d. Question around budgeting and contributing shared funds for Young Adult works. A few people respond that there is a formula in the works.
- e. Discussion about modifying this "committee" as not one to fall under a SMART goal initiative, but instead remains a component that provides updates for each meeting so OiC knows how to best support and build awareness. SMART goal would sunset; Stef will ask Brenda for some guidance on this.

3. Worship/Spirituality

- a. This committee is working to determine what it might look like if the OiC would not have all Priests. They are focusing on Sunday Mass
- b. Chair: Sara Wieste, Co-Chair: Jill Kiffmeyer, and Notes: Shari Selensky
- c. This committee is restructuring due to changing needs and looking at developing proactive plans so the OiC is better prepared for an urgent or unanticipated need in the event a priest is not available for Sunday service (SCAP). This includes systems of communication and designated leaders.
- d. Jill put together training videos for liturgical ministers. These videos could be shared with all four parishes where each parish would simply modify based on the unique needs and traditions of each parish.

4. Communications (update)

- a. Dana Howard is the communications person, and has been pushing out information and engagement opportunities to the social media channels, updating the website, and creating consistency around the OiC. Funding for this position is currently provided by SH, but shared payment is a conversation happening with pastors.

D. Parish Council Updates ([Checking the Pulse](#) Master) (7:30-7:40)

1. Annunciation

- a. The Annunciation Pastoral Council will be meeting on August 16, and among other parish business, conversation about implementing the Discipleship Goal and about the joint communications position are on the agenda.
 - b. Dianne attended the last meeting and reports on a vibrant council and was grateful for the welcoming.
- 2. Sacred Heart
 - a. The Sacred Heart Pastoral Council met on June 21, and those items were on the agenda there as well. There was general support for both initiatives, but the leadership day will be a great opportunity to pursue this more specifically and tailor it to each parish's engagement.
- 3. St. Francis-Xavier
 - a. No meeting until September. No updates
- 4. St. Stephen
 - a. Very brief meeting and Dianne B presented with a request to support other parish events through volunteering. She also shared there will be events coming up that they will receive communications in the near future.
 - b. Leonard attended a meeting and reported that the meeting was well run. They expressed an appreciation for an in-person update as opposed to written communication. They also liked the pre-Mass announcement for the presider. Disappointment: Notice for the Synod meeting came out late. Would like more timely communications.
- 5. Committee commitments to continue representing ACC Council at Parish Councils and inviting leadership from respective Parish Councils when ACC meetings are held at their site (and beyond)

Schedule is needed to know when pastoral councils meet. Stef will set up a Sign Up Genius and send it to the OiC committee to put their name on a date and parish they'd be willing to attend.

E. Q & A/Listening Session (7:40-8:00)

- 1. Praise: Goals are set. The meeting was educational and showcased a positive exchange and dialogue amongst committee members.
- 2. Areas for improvement: communications around what things exist (website, events, social media, Flocknotes, beyond bulletin)

F. Misc. (8:00-8:30)

- 1. Diocesan training - Joan
 - a. Dianne and Joan attended. Joan shared about changing Stewardship and Evangelization to Discipleship around a common goal. Others shared as well. There is a 3-ring binder that if anyone would like to have copies of, reach out to Joan. The binder is large because they will be

doing more sessions and adding resources and information to it. It's really about forming ACC Pastoral Council. The next session is not published yet, but both Joan and Dianne highly encourage all OiC representatives to attend. (Free to attend)

2. Bulletin Update

- a. Leonard and Candice started bulletin updates, and then it transitioned to Joan (every other month). This hasn't happened in awhile. Joan will check with Dana about posting updates in the bulletin, and on social media and Flocknotes.

3. Events:

- a. [Mission](#) (The Surge Of The Heart) - meeting next on August 24th
 - i. John Leonetti will be here October 2nd & 3rd 6:30-8p (Sacred Heart then Saint Francis - Xavier). John is from Iowa and comes highly recommended. A "Save the Date" card will be mailed within the next week or two.
- b. "Tables for Two"
 - i. February 11th: Maureen Otremba and another couple. Open for all couples, but focus is on younger couples. Meal provided, atmosphere is for the partners only and a host couple guides a conversation for the partners. Excellent experience. Looking for representation from Annunciation, St. Francis-Xavier, and St. Stephen (couples or single representation).
- c. Leadership Gathering

G. Closing (8:30)

Next meeting Tuesday, October 4th (at Sacred Heart)

OPENING PRAYER

O God of Life,
we seek your guidance
as we face the reality
of transition and change.

Transition is a challenge and can be exciting
as we try to move with foresight into the future.

Change is a challenge to let go.
It takes courage and confidence to move toward a new goal.

Loving God,
give us open minds, kind hearts and clear vision
as together we look to a future in which we can still serve You.
Help us to plan with a 'big picture' mentality—
to seek diligently and generously
what is in the best interest of all.

May Jesus, our Shepherd and Guide,
lead us in ways that are right and good.

May Mary, Mother of our Church,
encourage our efforts
to listen and learn.

In the words of the prophet Micah,
may we "act justly, love tenderly
and walk humbly with our God."
Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

O Spirit of God,
we ask you to help orient all our actions
by your inspirations,
carry them on by your gracious assistance,
that every prayer and work of ours
may always begin *from you*
and *through you* be happily ended. Amen.