

**Ministry Council Minutes**  
**Monday, May 21, 2018**

**Mary Comaratta opened the meeting with Prayer at 7:02 p.m.**

**Council Members in attendance:**

Monsignor Dennis Mikulanic, Pastor  
Beverly Rossio, Chairman/Mother's Spirituality

Jarvis Nolan, Secretary,  
Ecumenical/Interreligious

Mary Ann Scott, EM Homebound  
Mary Van Hee, Eucharistic Ministers  
Rebecca Fontaine, Mental Health  
Arleen Amato, Women's Fellowship  
Frank Mueller, Music  
Eileen D'Souza, Parish Festival  
Mary Comaratta, Compassion Ministry, Receptions

Therese Jewett, Greeters  
Dom Amato, Knights of Columbus  
Diana Sisson, Women's Fellowship  
Mark Pedote, Legion of Mary  
Jerry Diebolt, Parish Festival  
Aida Estrada, Marriage & Family for Life

**Minutes of the Last Meetings (3/26/2018)**

Beverly presented the minutes of the last meeting for approval. With one correction, a motion was made and seconded. The minutes were approved and accepted as presented.

**The Chairman's Report:**

These events are not complete but are gleaned from the reports written by each ministry:

May 25, Bingo night in the Parish Hall  
June, The Men's Club will begin selling annual Football Pool Books  
July 8, EM Ministry to the Homebound summer potluck  
July 21, Diocesan Mental Health Ministry celebration at Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Oct 5-7, Annual Women's Retreat, Whispering Winds Retreat Center

There is a great need for new members to serve as Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound, Greeters Ministry and Lectors

Mother's Spirituality Group is looking for financial assistance to help pay for books for their new curriculum, Walking with Purpose.

**The following are reports from individuals in attendance. For best results, the reports should be read alongside the full reports in the attached "Ministry Reports May 2018.docx"**

**Parish Festival:** Eileen thanked the many people who helped in the planning and serving at this very successful event. Eileen was thanked for her leadership and her very extensive timely report. Jerry Diebolt was thanked for his guidance and support.

They made \$4,731, which is extremely good given only \$1 was charged for meals and games. It is anticipated expenses will not exceed \$1,000. There were 410 raffle tickets sold

The chili cook-off was a great success.

The silent auction made \$2,327 of which they received \$892 and \$1,435 pending payment.

Next year's festival will be held Sunday, June 9.

**Knights of Columbus:** The following Knights events are scheduled:

June 16, Lasagna Dinner to benefit Culture of Life Family Services

July 28, Lasagna Dinner to benefit Holy Innocents Children's Hospital, Uganda

The Knights were also involved in the Lamb of God House fund raiser dinner. The money raised was matched by Phil and Tiffany Rivers, totaling \$270,000. The Rivers also matched the \$18,000 raised by San Rafael's Lenten project.

More events are in the planning.

Elections for next year's officers will take place in June. The New Year begins July 1.

**Women's Fellowship:** The new co-presidents of Women's Fellowship were introduced: Eileen D'Souza and Diana Sisson. Bingo is the last event of the year which will take place Friday night, May 25.

**Eucharistic Ministry for the Homebound:** The ministry welcomed a new member, Susan Krivitz.

Another four to five new members would be greatly welcomed. The ministry will be creating a video over the next few months to be used to recruit new members. The video will display our homebound ministry in action through testimonials of members and parishioners. It will be shown at coffee hours as well as posted on the church WEB site and Facebook page. The video will be ready by August.

**Mental Health:** The San Diego Mental Health Ministry will host a Diocesan wide celebration on July 21, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel with a Mass and reception from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The ministry hosted their last event of the fiscal year with a presentation on "Guilt and Shame".

Approximately 65 people attended and our speakers, Fr Tom and Dr Marshall, did an outstanding job. Evaluations were taken at the end of the program and topics that people want to know more about are depression and anxiety.

A diocesan wide program called eTherapy.com is being developed. This is a WEB site where people can access and find the type of counselor they want. All the counselors are licensed therapists. Their biographies are available and many of them have links and self-help guides. There are a dozen or more therapists on the site from San Diego. Some will work pro-bono, some for very low fees, some offer video chats which are accepted by insurance companies.

At the July meeting, more will be learned as to what other parishes are doing in the mental health field. Some parishes have hired a mental health professional to be available to work with people. Other parishes have started support groups and therapy groups. San Rafael has a bi-polar support group that meets here at San Rafael twice a month.

Monsignor said that people outside the parish check our WEB site and bulletin for information. Many have received needed information from our Mental Health Ministry page.

**Eucharistic Ministers at the Altar:** There are eight new members. We continue and are looking forward to encouraging additional participation at all masses.

**Receptions/Compassion Ministry:** There have been six or seven receptions since the last Council Meeting.

A healing Mass will take place at St. Maximillian Roman Catholic Polish Mission in Pacific Beach on Wednesday night May 23.

**Greeters Ministry:** There is a great need for more people to serve as greeters at the weekend Masses. The schedule is complete through June.

**Marriage and Family for Life:** Power Hour will be changing their meeting time to first Friday so as to not conflict with holidays. They are a Culture of Life Group and have many service projects. They will be continuing with the Bottle Drive for Life Choices. Life Perspective Walk will again take place in October.

The diocese is compiling a WEB site for family and marriage resources similar to the Mental Health resource WEB site. The site will have up and coming dates for Retrouvaille, World Marriage Encounter, and other resources to strengthen marriage and family

**Little Flower's Girls Ministry** meets every third Sunday of the month. Many of the girls also attend the Power Hour

**Legion of Mary:** The question was asked what is an auxiliary member of the Legion. The answer is an auxiliary member is someone who signs up and prays the rosary and prays the Tessera prayers for the Legion members but they do not attend the meetings or go out and do active works. The first Auxiliary Member reception was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Legion has increased to nine active members. The current officers are: President, Mark Pedote; Vice President, Maya Gabriel; Treasurer, Clay Hoffman, and Secretary, Anne Hoffman.

San Rafael will be hosting a Legion of Mary Curia meeting in Parish Hall On October 6. This is a meeting of members of the Legion in local parishes. These events are normally held at St. Margaret's in Oceanside, but their Parish Hall is having renovation work completed July through October of this year. St. Michael's will be hosting the July, August, September meetings. There will be about one hundred Legionnaires in attendance.

They will be starting their Pilgrim Virgin Mary Home Visitation program in June. Lea Gomez is leading this program and will be maintaining the visitation schedule. The statue will remain in a house for a week then rotate to another house. Those in the house will say prayers and a rosary each day. The format will take about thirty minutes.

They continue to visit the local retirement homes and now have a standing weekly rosary scheduled at the Villa Rancho Bernardo every Wednesday at 10:00 AM thanks to the efforts of Luis Rueda their Activities Director.

Flower Nguyen is formalizing the process for assisting the parish with leading bereavement rosaries. They are available to help lead a rosary upon request.

**Music Ministry:** A successful Pentecost Concert was had by all. The Traditional Choir and the Handbell Choir were the performers.

The Resurrection Choir will lead the music for the Annual Memorial Day Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Choirs will provide the music for the Scouts BSA Religious Emblems Award Mass at San Rafael on Wednesday, June 6.

The Traditional Choir will break for the summer beginning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass June 10. They will return the Sunday after Labor Day.

Our Contemporary Choirs will not rehearse during the summer months, but will continue to sing/play at the 10:30 & 12 o'clock Sunday Masses throughout the summer.

The Parish will be singing the Mass of Renewal (found in "Breaking Bread" Missals in the pews) as we are now in Ordinary Time.

**Ecumenical/Interreligious:** Interfaith Awareness Week will take place August 5 – 12. The events to take place during the week are in the ministry reports file.

**Mother's Spirituality Group:** The annual retreat is October 5, 6, and 7 and is open to all women. The speaker this year is Dr. Lee Williams. He spoke at San Rafael last February on the 9 C's for communication in marriage and was well received.

Starting in the fall the Mom's group will expand its program to all women. The group meets Thursdays between 9:30 and 11:30. They will be using a curriculum called Walking With Purpose. There are fees involved and ministries that have fund raisers might be asked to supplement the program.

**The Pastor's Report:** Robert McKahan died. His funeral is Wednesday, May 30, 10:00.

Father Tom is leaving to be Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Ocean Beach, as of July 1. He will be in the Parish Hall after all Masses Sunday, June 24, to wish him thank you and farewell. Extra coffee and donuts will be needed and ministries will be called on to help.

We will be welcoming a new associate early July. Among many other things, he will be the chaplain of the Legion of Mary. With two priests available, one will be able to minister to the groups that go on retreat at Whispering Winds.

Father Brian Williams will be at San Rafael in August. He is from Durban, South Africa and will be with us to have the experience of serving in an American parish.

There will be a farewell reception for Deacon Ward and Gwen Thompson following the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses on Sunday, June 10.

Deacon Bob Holgren is officially on the staff and will be taking Deacon Ward's place as Pastoral Assistant. In the past he served as business manager at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Didacus, and St. Gabriel's.

Our Catholic Appeal goal was \$108,000. As of today \$230,00 has been pledged. The overage will be rebated back to the church and used for repairs to the buildings and put in the reserve.

Semper Fi Sunday will be the weekend of June 3<sup>rd</sup>

There will be a parish appreciation picnic in September.

A ministry faire will be planned in the fall at the Sunday coffee hours

The next Council meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 17, Room G.

Monsignor closed the meeting with our praying the Memorare.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by  
Jarvis Nolan