

**Ministry Council Minutes**  
**Monday, September 17, 2018**

**Mary Comaratta opened the meeting with Prayer at 7:00 p.m.**

**Council Members in attendance:**

Monsignor Dennis Mikulanis, Pastor  
Father Showri Nagothu, Associate Pastor  
Beverly Rossio, Chairman/Mother's Spirituality  
Jarvis Nolan, Secretary, Ecumenical/Interreligious

Mary Ann Scott, EM Homebound  
Mary Van Hee, Eucharistic Ministers  
Eileen D'Souza, Parish Festival  
Therese Jewett, Greeters  
Diana Sisson, Women's Fellowship  
Mark Pedote, Legion of Mary  
Joe Larkin, Interfaith Shelter  
Mary Comaratta, Compassion Ministry, Receptions

Barry Nally, St. Vincent de Paul  
Clay Hoffman, Escondido Interfaith  
Julius Jones, Knights of Columbus  
Tony Heinrichs, Men's Club  
Lee Haney, Holy Innocents Hospital  
Aida Estrada, Marriage & Family for Life

**Minutes of the Last Meetings (5/22/2018)**

Beverly presented the minutes of the last meeting for approval. Tony made a motion and was seconded by Eileen to approve the minutes. They were approved and accepted as presented.

**The Chairman's Report:**

Father Dennis and Father Showri were thanked for being at the meeting.

Happy birthday was sung for Beverly.

Beverly presented the following parish events gleaned from the ministry reports. Details of these events can be found in these minutes or the ministry report file attached.

Sept 21, Bingo	Oct 26, Bingo
Oct 6, Legion of Mary	Oct 27, Life Walk
Oct 5-7, Women's Retreat	Nov 14, Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Oct 7, Rosary led by Fr. Showri	Nov 30, Sung Rosary for Advent
Oct 8, Women's Fellowship, Antique Road Show	Dec 2, Santa Sunday
Oct 18, Women's Bible Study	Feb 2, Shelter Network hosted here
Oct 20, Lector Party	June 9, Parish Festival

Ministry needs: more lectors; train set for Santa Sunday display; ministries to help with Parish Festival, contact Eileen; Return the Life Choices baby bottles!!

**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 September 2018.docx"**

**St. Vincent de Paul:** a new program called *Smile Bags* which we will roll out to all our parishioners in October. *Smile Bags* are bags of non-perishable food items and other incidentals (hand sanitizer, water, tooth brushes) that we can give to our friends in need on the streets. There will be an information table set up in the Parish Hall for more information and to pick up your Smile Bag to give to a friend in need.

**Marriage and Family for Life:** A demo was given of the monthly online newsletter. The newsletter provides ministry updates as well as events and resources in the parish, local community and worldwide web that benefit Marriage Life, Family Life, Culture of Life and overall Catholic Life. If you have an event or information you would like to submit that would help enrich Marriage and Family Life, please send to [sanrafael.marriage.familylife@gmail.com](mailto:sanrafael.marriage.familylife@gmail.com).

The Life Choices baby bottle drive raised over \$13,700. Just short of 700 bottles were returned.

This year's Life Walk, now called SideBySide 5k, will be 10:00, October 27, at De Anza Cove.

We are looking for five parishioners who would be interested in attending the upcoming conference for leaders of Our Families, Our Future: Creating Cultures of Welcome. If interested in attending, reply to [sanrafael.marriage.familylife@gmail.com](mailto:sanrafael.marriage.familylife@gmail.com). The conference is scheduled for Friday, October 19.

**Mother's Group** is merging with Walking with Purpose Bible Study. They will still meet on Thursday, however, the meeting place has changed to the parish center. It is structured differently with music and a dedicated small group that meets to study and pray with you every week. All women are invited.

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual retreat takes place on Oct. 5-7. Monsignor will celebrate Mass and there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Currently 50 women are signed up to attend. There is always room for more!

**Receptions:** Eleven Funeral Receptions have taken place since the last meeting. It is requested that after a ministry event is over to please remove banners, posters, and balloons from the parish hall.

**Ecumenical/Interreligious:** The Poway Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will take place this year at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 15750 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Wednesday, November 14, 7:00.

**Men's Club:** The allotment of all 300 football books have sold. Besides our monthly coffee and donut events, the second Sunday of the month, we are starting to plan for this year's annual Santa Sunday to be held on December 2, 2018. We want to build upon the success of last year's event by including a model railroad train layout for the parish children to enjoy. If you know of anyone that has train displays that could be used for a few hours on Dec 2, please ask them to contact Tony Heinrichs at 619-694-8625 or by email at [tonyheinrichs51@gmail.com](mailto:tonyheinrichs51@gmail.com).

**Legion of Mary:** The group has grown to eleven active members. This includes Fr. Showri who has stepped in as our Spiritual Director. San Rafael will be hosting a Legion of Mary Curia meeting in the Parish Hall on October 6, from 8:30 AM through noon. San Rafael we will be participating in the Rosary Across America on October 7<sup>th</sup>. This event will be in Parish Hall from 1-2 PM. The rosary will be led by Fr. Showri and followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song. Light refreshments will be served.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Schedules for October, November December are posted as well as the latest newsletter for those who participate in our ministry. We will soon be requesting participation from our members for all the upcoming holydays and special Masses. Those holidays are Thanksgiving, Immaculate Conception and all the Christmas Masses which occur in this upcoming quarter of the year.

**Greeters:** The number of greeters for each Mass has grown. All assignments have been made through November, including All Saints' Day and Thanksgiving.

**Lectors:** There is a need for more lectors as several have moved away or stepped down. A request will run in the Sunday bulletin the next four weeks.

**Interfaith Shelter:** This will be San Rafael's ninth year hosting the shelter. Our date will be February 2, for two weeks. For the fourteen dinners this year we hope to celebrate the diversity of this parish by providing ethnic meals for our guests. Fr. Showri has agreed to do an India dinner. We are looking for an expert grill person to do an American BBQ on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3.

Don and Betty Carson have agreed to be co-coordinators of the Shelter this year to be mentored in the ways of managing the Shelter.

**Holy Innocents Children's Hospital:** The next pasta fundraiser will be July 27, 2019. Oxygen Generation that has been generating oxygen at the hospital has broken down. This requires multiple trips per week to Kampala to get tanks charged with oxygen, which is inferior to the oxygen that was produced on-site. The equipment is being worked on, but it is going slow. Most of the children in the hospital require oxygen. The number admitted to the hospital is 39,000. This year's Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on July 28, raised \$121,633.

**Women's Fellowship:** Bingo Friday night, September 21. The membership has grown to 200 people. The reports file lists the many events coming up this year.

**EM Homebound:** Eighteen private homes are being visited between the three teams. There are about thirty-eight Eucharistic Ministers. The service in the Tower Building at Casa has been discontinued. Only the rooms in the Casa Health Center are visited. A five minute recruiting video is being completed to show at functions in the parish to encourage people to join this ministry.

**Knights of Columbus:** Coffee and donuts first of the month. Recycling raises \$300 to \$400 a month. The youth will be asked to help as the Knights donate to their groups. The next major event will be the Oktoberfest on Friday, October 19. A Sock hop is in the planning as a joint event with Women's Fellowship. The Mission Breakfast will take place in February followed by the Fish Fry Dinners during Lent. We now have new food warmers for parish dinner events.

**Parish Festival:** The Fest is scheduled to take place June 9, 2019. Ministries will be asked how they would like to help. There are many opportunities to help: raffle tickets, bingo, games, t-shirts, decorations just to name a few. It is suggested that both Men's club and the Knights of Columbus work together as both ministries have great strengths, in the kitchen. The chili cook off was a great success. This could be repeated or a variation of it. We are reminded this is a Ministry Council event. The event might be moved to 1:00 following Mass so people do not have to go home and come back. The cost of the food was \$1.00

**Interfaith Community Services of Escondido:** Interfaith of Escondido thanks San Rafael for their generosity - for hosting the shelter; the monthly food drive; St. Vincent de Paul sends money; many parishioners volunteer.

Interfaith is a huge non-profit organization which has 49 different service programs.

There are many opportunities to volunteer.

- The Haven House Homeless Shelter: provide dinner or give \$125 to pay for them to make a dinner.
- Housing 1000 program – this program is to place homeless people in their own homes. To do this they need house hold goods, furniture, and linens to furnish homes. They will send a truck to pick up anything you would like to give. The program also needs money.
- Drivers to transport clients
- Help with resume writing
- Computer volunteers

- Attorney's needed- homeless court - to help those that have legal issues
- Client intake volunteers in Escondido
- New Interfaith Neighborhood Health Clinic in Poway. Client Intake volunteers, people in the health field: address: 13010 Poway Road
- Free Immigration Clinic
- Mental Health Stigma - two day training course at the Presbyterian Church in Escondido.

To volunteer at any of the Interfaith services contact:

Interfaith Community Services, 550 West Washington Avenue, Escondido.  
call Mary Ferro at 760-489-6380 Ext. 266,

**Comments from the Associate Pastor:** He expressed he was glad to come to the meeting and thanked us for our ministries in helping the pastor.

**The Pastor's Report:** Father Showri was welcomed and thanked. The picnic was a success. Thirty-four people will be going on the Austria-Germany pilgrimage beginning October 8. Twenty-three have signed up so far for the Oberammergau trip in August of 2020.

Ecclesia semper reformanda est: At this time the church most needs our patience and fidelity. It is a time for prayer renewal. Do not lose faith in the church. There is great hope in the future. The town hall meeting with the bishop for this deanery is October 18, 7:00 p.m., at St. Gabriel's.

Monsignor talked about his recent trip to Lithuania with Father John. It was a retreat as well as a pilgrimage as they stayed at Franciscan Monasteries. He talked about the people's fluency in English with American accents. He talked about the dedication of the priests and bishops.

Air conditioning is being installed in the kitchen. All locks on the property have been changed.

The next Council meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 26, Room G.

Father Showri closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted by  
Jarvis Nolan