

NOTES

June Parish Council
Monday 9th

Present: Jim, Deb, Susan, Luis, Linda, Paula, Damien, Fr Bernie, Tim (? The Deacon – I didn't clearly catch his name.)

Council Web Page:

It's UP with the Survey Summary that Susan labored to create. Thank you, Susan.
Check it out.

Survey Follow-up:

Paula reported on the first meeting of the (tentatively titled) Social Services Coordinating Committee. Notes from that meeting included below. This group will meet again in late June. Watch the Bulletin and the web page. Let Paula know if you want to be included in the email distribution list.

Recruiting new Council Members:

Announcement in bulletin. Need 3.

Susan distributed recruiting Handouts – the personal appeal helps.

Application form on pastoral council page on web site.

At July meeting (14th), we will discern from among applicants.

The Paulist Visitation – Oct 9 – 13:

Purpose: To gather sufficient info. (Finances, Staff, Parishioners) to assess how things are going in terms realization of Paulist mission at Newman. This happens every 4 years. Potential Dinner on Oct. 10 in Rectory for Council members and other parish leaders with The Visitors and without the Newman staff.

The possibility of holding some kind of an after-Sun-Mass open forum was also discussed.

What does group want say to leadership of Paulists?

- Berkeley (especially the churches around the university) lacks a consistent ecumenical voice – a community among the clergy. The churches are very siloed. There is an interfaith council on campus. What would be a gift of this community to share beyond it? Welcoming, inclusion -- How do we share that hospitality w others? Satellite small groups (like out in Walnut Creek or wherever)?
- This is a diverse community – very catholic and we have difficulties figuring out how to meet everyone's needs and desires. Still, we are happy that this diversity is HERE week after week.
- We have a strong reconciliation ministry.
- This building is becoming increasingly impractical/impossible to run.
- We are grappling with succession planning for our ministries. Finding new/continuing leaders is a problem. Have lost two generations of people (Bernie) to secularization of the culture (and so on and so on).

- This is a chosen parish – people come here from outside the boundaries.
- Paulists here serve a desire for solid liturgy and thoughtful, progressive preaching, and these are people who might have left if not for The Paulists at Newman.
- Figuring out how to do the other half – you come to liturgy and you do X. We need more focus on X. Focusing on people prayerfully engaging with service. Asking people one on one -- Come follow me.

What do you want to ask the Paulists?

Discussion of regionalization? (What does Newman mean in terms of rest of diocese and rest of N. CA?)

Next Meeting: July 14.