

## Pastoral Council

### Summary Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2026

**In Attendance:** Fr. Manasseh, Fr. Emmanuel, Luis Acosta, Jamie Bescak, Jerry Biegler, Pam Boggs, Keith Call, Deacon JC Gonzalez, Lani Gore, Marilyn Johnston, Mike Low, Lisa Majchrzak (online), Chris Smith, Deacon Ed Winklebauer

**Excused:** Carolina Venot

**Guest:** Rudy Cavolina

6:30pm Pam called the meeting to order

Opening Prayer and Reflection -Jerry

Roll call verified a quorum

Chris made a motion to accept the November minutes; Jerry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **NEW MINISTRY PRESENTATION** – Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem

Rudy shared a short video on the history and work of the Order. Rudy is proposing to include the Equestrian Order on the list of St. Benedict ministries with his name as a contact for anyone interested in the Order. Council went into closed session for discussion following his presentation.

A motion was made and accepted to include the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher as a ministry of St. Benedict.

#### **ST. JOHN BOSCO REPORT** – Jamie

- 60% of the students have been re-enrolled for the next school year. After Jan.23<sup>rd</sup>, they will start reviewing the other 95 applications that have already come in.
- We are advertising Catholic Schools Week and the ambassadors are going out to invite the neighboring parishes.
- The school wide Service Project this year will be **Dollars for Dreams**. Our goal is \$3000 with the money going toward the building of a school in Nigeria that was started by Fr. Manasseh's Mother. Catholic Schools Week will kick off with Fr. Manasseh's Story and an introduction to **Dollars for Dreams**. A Clean Water Source will be our top priority.
- Next Thursday is the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school

- Friday is Family Movie Night for pre-school to 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Best of Ahwatukee is now active. St. John Bosco has been nominated in all categories. St. Benedict has been nominated for Best Place to Worship. Please remember to vote daily.

## **MINISTRY REPORTS**

### Knights of Columbus – Mike

- Coats for Kids: 108 coats were donated across two programs, Vista Colina and De Colores
- SVdP Adopt-a-Family- the Knights provided gifts and support for a 12-person family this Christmas
- Knights participated in a volunteer day at Sleep in Heavenly Peace’s build-a-bed program and hope to make this a continuing program
- The Council was presented with the “Star Council” award for 2024-25 achievements
- Knights assisted with the Marian Procession at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
- Family Promise Program-set-up and take-down by the Knights
- Knights provided parking assistance for the Christmas Concert and Christmas Masses
- January 11<sup>th</sup> is the next Blood Drive
- Youth Basketball Challenge will be held in February
- Knights’ sponsored Parish Valentine’s Dance will be on Saturday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 pm. \$80/couple

### Events – Lani

- Fall Fiesta, 2025 – 179 tickets sold. Net income of \$12,805. We received \$4000 in sponsors. Part of the proceeds purchased 3 additional radios for The Porters
- December 5<sup>th</sup> was the Christmas concert and Cookie Exchange
- December 12<sup>th</sup> Mass and reception for Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast
- Friday, January 16 is the winter Bingo Night from 6-8pm in SJB MPR
- January 20<sup>th</sup> – Church Dedication Anniversary Mass at 7pm
- Save the date for the Parish picnic- Sunday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-4pm
- Start saving items for the Parish Rummage Sale

### Building Update – Deacon Ed and Keith

- Very good collections over Christmas
- The Giving Tree – 400 gifts were given to Helen’s Hope and 500 to Catholic Charities

## **PASTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Manasseh**

- The Diocese has accepted our request for 1 more deacon. We will be welcoming Deacon Joseph Ramos shortly.
- A word of gratitude to all the staff, ministers, Knights, hospitality, Porters, everyone for the wonderful Christmas Season.
- Our parish is doing well. We have a beautiful place for our encounter with God. Please continue to recruit and invite others to participate actively in the life of our parish.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Follow-up to action item-inconsistencies in the St. Benedict Mission Statement. The bulletins and website were reviewed from 2017 to present. There were 3 recommendations made by the committee. Following discussion, a motion was made and Council members voted to accept this version of our Mission Statement. **We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic Church community that celebrates the presence of God in all creation through love and service.**

Fr Manasseh will inform the parishioners of this change via the Church slides

- Lisa presented the Ministry Questionnaire that she and Carolina had worked on since our last meeting. Members felt the questionnaire covered all the pertinent information for a new ministry. Lani made a motion to accept the questionnaire; Luis seconded. It was accepted unanimously.

8:01 pm Pam closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Johnston, Secretary