

Parish Council Notes

March 2018

Hello fellow parishioners. This is the beginning of my attempt to provide ongoing highlights of recent Parish Council activity and initiatives.

- Fr. Jegan and the Council are attempting to jump start additional parishioner opportunities for parish involvement. You have noticed an increase in spiritual and educational opportunities in the past few months. There will be at least monthly opportunities for you to learn more about various aspects of the Catholic faith. Please take advantage of these with your families and friends. Great opportunity to introduce your non-Catholic friends to the beauty of the Catholic faith in a non-liturgical setting. The next opportunity is Tuesday April 3rd; when a Care Net Pregnancy Center Presentation will be made.
- Father Jegan has asked the Council to reintroduce a Liturgy Committee, a Stewardship Committee and a Building and Grounds Committee. New committee members are needed in all these areas.
- You will be seeing some construction activity in the east narthex in the upcoming months as Father Jegan transitions his office from its current location to the choir room. (and vice versa)
- Please “like” and use our new Facebook page. It offers lots of new, relevant information about church functions and activities.
- The Parish Council has formally voted to name the Education Center; the Gottemoeller Education Center in honor and memory of our late Pastor. More details to come.
- A “Parish Mission” Team” is beginning to plan for a fall multi-evening Mission with a theme and date to be announced
- The Council is reviewing its by-laws to insure compliance with Archdiocesan standards and relevance.
- Please consider joining the parish and Fr. Jegan on the Fall Pilgrimage to Mexico/Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- Does anyone have an interest in forming a “Teens for Life” Chapter here at the Parish?

Please don't hesitate to contact me or any Parish Council member with questions, comments, ideas or to get more involved in Parish life.

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Hello fellow St Martin's parishioners,

I would like to invite each one of you to take advantage of an opportunity to welcome Fr Jegan to our church community in a more intentional way. I met him early on; just before his assignment began here at St Martins last summer and I was most impressed by his spirituality; sincerity and deep desire to connect with us as fellow Catholics and as our Pastor. Everything I have experienced with him since has reinforced my original impression.

One might be able to argue that in the past; conditions weren't always favorable to connect with our pastor on a very personal level as he had many additional responsibilities beyond just St Martin's.

Fr. Jegan does not have those additional responsibilities and has a deep desire not only to be your pastor and help lead you closer to Christ; but to get to know you and your families on a deeper, more personal level. He has shared with me that; in his Indian culture; it would be the norm that the parish priest would be invited to visit every family, every year and get to know them and minister to them personally. It is in his blood to connect with each of us as much as we will allow him to.

He wants the very best for St Martin's and its families and I would maintain that we have an opportunity to enliven and refresh our parish in a new and significant way by his presence here. Will you join with us and schedule a personal visit with Father Jegan? It need not be for a fancy dinner or even any kind of meal at all. It could even be at the parish office or the rectory. Just a visit and a chance to get to meet and know him personally; welcome him and let him share his vision for the parish with you. In checking with Fr. Jegan and the parish office since the call out in the bulletin to do this last fall; our response thus far has not been stellar. I think in the past; some of us-myself included; have kind of waited for the "other" guy, or "someone else" to do the things that needed to be done at St. Martin's.

Let's all step up and show him who we really are.

Thank you;

David Garrison
Parish Council President

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