

WAUKESHA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
St. John Neumann, St. Joseph, St. Mary, St. William Parishes
April 21, 2016—7:00
AGENDA

PURPOSES:

1. To pray and share faith together
2. Update on Common Committee Meeting held on March 7th
3. Update on nomination/ discernment process a discussion about Council workload
4. Review “In the Steps of Jesus” outputs: refinements of Mission, Vision and Values and discussion of Goal & Objectives
5. Announcements from the Chair.

I. WELCOME AND PRAYER (25 minutes)

- A. What does the phrase: “Ambassador in Christ” mean to you?
- B. Anything to add to the Agenda?
- C. Prayer (See p. 2)

II. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING’S MINUTES (5 minutes)

III. REPORT FROM CITY WIDE COMMON COMMITTEE MEETING NIGHT – John K. (5 min)

- a. Impressions for the evening and any items the Pastoral Council needs to take action on.

IV. DISCERNMENT UPDATE – Chris, Jennifer, Noël (20 minutes)

- a. Status on nomination weekends.
- b. Pastoral Council “workload”.

V. IN THE STEPS OF JESUS UPDATE - Jerry/Nancy/Maria (45 minutes)

- a. Review updated Mission Statement, Values, Vision and
- b. Discuss/ refine Goals and Objectives

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – Noël (5 minutes)

- a. Participating in the Archdiocesan Leadership Gathering (Sept.30/ Oct. 1): Evangelization and the Sunday Mass

VII. CLOSING PRAYER – The Lord’s Prayer

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 19, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, at the Vercelli House

Opening Prayer

Lord as we continue our journey through this Easter season, help us to learn from the example set by your Apostles, the leaders of the early Church. Guide this Council so that we, like the Apostles, may learn how to better lead those who we are called serve. Grant us the faith, wisdom and perseverance to truly hear your will and make it come alive within the Catholic Community of Waukesha and all to those that we come in contact with in the broader community.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the Gospel according to John (John 14:7-14)

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to Jesus, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."!

Reflection and Sharing

- What words speak to us as we continue our work of making the outputs from "In the Steps of Jesus" come alive in Waukesha?
- How may this pericope (short bit of scripture) help us as we prepare to discern new members to this Council?

General Intercessions

Please Respond: Hear Our Prayer

- For the Church, that we may be a witness to Christ's love by practicing charity and promoting justice and peace throughout the world, **Lord in your mercy...**
- For the parishioners of St. William, St. John Neumann, St. Joseph and St. Mary parishes, that they may continue their daily commitment to Christian stewardship as a way of life, **Lord in your mercy...**
- For all those recently confirmed, that they might be properly led towards Christ, and receive the love and help they need to draw closer to, and freely embrace their Faith, **Lord in your mercy...**
- For the Pastoral Council and all parish leadership, that we may be agents of holiness in our community, by cultivating the many gifts of the Spirit, seeking to grow as disciples of Jesus and witnessing to the resurrection in the things we say and do, **Lord in your mercy...**
- For those who are suffering from poverty and injustice, that they come to know God's love and mercy by the compassion shown to them by others, **Lord in your mercy...**
- For what and whom else should we pray? (**please add your intentions**), **Lord in your mercy...**
- That all those prayers which lie quietly in our hearts be answered by God, **Lord in your mercy...**

We will close our meeting with the Lord's Prayer.