

Pastoral Council Minutes
November 29, 2022

Present: Fr. George Darling, Bob Siegel, Jennifer Crampton, Sara Hormuth, Steve Barton, Debbie Macy

Absent: Gina Moll, Char Snoap, Rob Taber

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM. Bob Siegel opened with prayer. The May 24, 2022 and October 11, 2022 minutes were approved. Council members introduced themselves and Fr. Darling shared his background.

The Bishop has appointed Fr. George Darling as Canonical Administrator of St. Alphonsus. Deacon Jim Hessler will assist him. An informal discussion followed which allowed Fr. Darling to explain his role in assisting the Diocese help us transfer from a Redemptorist model to a Diocesan model. His specific role is to get everything in order for our new priest. Deacon Hessler has already met with the office/financial staff.

Fr. Darling shared the official name for this council is Pastoral Council. This council serves with permission from the Bishop. It is mandatory that each parish have a Finance Council.

The group discussed the importance of being able to adapt to change. It is important that the council supports any necessary changes, and that as individuals, we stay positive and supportive during the transition.

All parishes have been asked by the Bishop to identify their top 3 to 5 priorities in evangelistic work. Bob Siegel will send our Evangelical Goals to Fr. Darling for submission to the Bishop.

1. Communication: Improve effective, timely, and multi-dimensional (old school and social media)
2. Small Group Focus: Educating our parishioners - young and mature
3. Youth Focus: Expanding leadership opportunities for the young parishioners
4. Volunteerism: Increase service opportunities for our parishioners

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Macy
Secretary