



Parish of The Most Precious Blood

Part of the R.C. Diocese of Plymouth Reg. Charity No. 212227

NOTES FROM THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Saturday 19th March 2016

Introduction

John Larter welcomed PPC members to the meeting, who all participated in a nourishing team-building activity. The opening prayers and reflection were led by Tanya.

Items from 16th January meeting

Michael said that the Parish pilgrimage to the Cathedral (and its Holy Door) has yet to be organized.

The SVP is now up and running. Home visits are taking place.

Work has started on the next issue of The Font, which is intended to be available in early May. There was a brief discussion of its contents.

Composition & membership of PPC

It was noted that Kathleen's resignation from the PPC had been received. All expressed their thanks to Kathleen for her service to the Council. Regarding her replacement, it was decided to wait until September when an election to fill two other vacancies will be held.

John pointed out that he had been elected chairman for three years in 2012, following which he was obliged to seek re-election annually until 2018 (when he would step down from the PPC). Everyone (including John) was happy that he continue as chairman, and the members expressed their thanks for his service. Fr Paul suggested that a succession plan be devised in around 18 months time.

Items brought by Parish Priest

None.

Property Review

Fr Paul said that the architect had sent an email summarising his view of the extraordinary meeting on March 5 [**ACTION:** Fr Paul to circulate email and meeting notes; all to feedback any comments]. He described the next stage of the planning process, which is the identification of the proposed costings for the scheme and the liaison with the planners for their comments. The meeting was asked if they were happy to proceed with this; all assented.

Future stages would include the production of a cost report from a Quantity Surveyor, consultation with the Finance Committee on costs and impact on income, a broader consultation with the wider parish, and a formal presentation of plans to the diocese and the local council.

It was noted that the development plan does not address any seating issue in the church itself. It was suggested that any issue associated with the aspiration of an increased congregation be dealt with when it arises.

AOB

John presented a reflection on the Pope.

PPC Meetings in 2016



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Dates and times agreed (all on Saturdays in St Teresa's Hall) are:

May 21st at 11:30 am

July 16th at 10:00 am

September 10th at 10:00 am

November 12th at 10:00 am

Next Meeting: Saturday 21st May, 11:30 in St Teresa's Hall. Prayers and reflection will be led by Jeremy. Notetaking by Una.