

## **CCBC Pastoral Council Minutes**

### **April 30, 2024**

The Pastoral Council of the Catholic Churches of Barber County met at 6:30 p.m. at St. John in Kiowa. Chairperson Kay Koger called the meeting to order with Father Emmanuel, Father Partick, and members Diane Seiler, Bev Miller, outgoing Sharon representative Anne Schreiner, Darryl Honas, John Forester, Darin Hern, new Sharon representatives Karin Traffas and Mason Eck, and secretary Mary Pat Eck. Chuck Graves was absent.

Father Emmanuel began the meeting by leading the council in prayer. Kay asked all the members present to review the minutes from the January meeting and bring any objections or corrections to her attention. With no corrections being raised, the minutes were approved.

#### **Parish Reports**

Parish representatives reported on their activities since the last meeting:

St. John reports that during the Lenten season, they had stations of the cross, a Bible study class, and an Enchilada Supper. There will be four children receiving their first communion on May 5th at the parish. St. John accomplished fixing the stairs and changing out all the light bulbs at the parish.

Holy Rosary reports that during the Lenten season they had stations of the cross, Mass Class with Father Dave Dwyer book club, and hosted a Palm Sunday Retreat. The parish held the Easter Triduum and welcomed five individuals into the church. Three children received their first communion and there was one baptism.

St. Boniface reports that they had a St. Patrick's Day Soup Supper. The parish got an excavator for the cemetery. Sandy Ricke passed away after a long battle with cancer. The parish had three baptisms (Two Landwehrs and Eck) and Emmie Landwehr and Dewey Doze were married. Two new Sharon representatives to Pastoral Council were announced. Karin Traffas is replacing Rayann Rucker, and Mason Eck will take Anne Schreiner's place as she steps down.

#### **Pastor's Mission Fund**

Brian Withrow addressed the council on behalf of the Holy Rosary finance council to announce that they have decided to give \$100 per month to Father Emmanuel's mission fund to provide assistance to pastors in Ghana, and he suggested St. Boniface and St. John do the same.

#### **Father Emmanuel's Report**

During April 16th-18th, Father Emmanuel and Father Patrick went to a meeting in Wichita on The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). The Diocese of Dodge City is encouraging all those that can attend to go to the OCIA training sessions held on June 13th and 20th.

Father talked about the use of parish facilities. Anytime parish facilities are used, he needs to know when and for what it is being used. All those in charge of renting out or scheduling facilities should send a quick message to Father Emmanuel about the event.

### **Old Business**

Kay shared the proposed handout and website page for honorariums so people know about donating money for the priest or Mass intentions. The Dodge City diocese has posted a suggested amount for Mass intentions, but it is important that it and other honorariums are known as a free will donation. Father reported that he has discussed the issue of the wording for this document with the Vicar General, and Father approved the document.

### **New Business**

Solutio wants to make new updates to the website programming to make it more user friendly. Kay asked if there was anything the parishes would like to change or update on the CCBC website page. She also asked that if anyone wants to be trained on using the website to let her know.

Mass security was brought up and ways to create more security for the Parishes. No concrete resolutions were created, but it was decided to let each parish handle security individually.

The council brought up sharing scheduling of the Triduum at all three parishes instead of having one parish host the whole Triduum. Also noted was the possibility of having one Good Friday Service instead of three. This will be brought up and discussed again at the next meeting.

Father Emmanuel shared about the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress and gave pamphlets for each parish to have at their church. The Eucharistic Congress is held on September 13th-15th at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City.

Father Emmanuel reported that he may have to take a trip to Ghana sometime in October. He shared that Father Ted Stoecklein, Vicar General of the Diocese of Dodge City, plans to visit Father Emmanuel's diocese in Ghana, so he will accompany Father Ted on his travels and help him navigate the area.

Karin brought up the possibility of planning a tri-parish volunteer celebration again to thank all those that serve in the three parishes. Father Emmanuel highly encouraged this idea and wanted to have members think about it and talk more about it in the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on July 30th at Holy Rosary Parish.

The meeting was closed, and Father Patrick led the council in a closing prayer.