***ST JOAN OF ARC / ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA MEETING REPORT***

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May 26, 2025

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Annette Dopp/Amy Siesennop

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**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Father Yamid, Annette Dopp, Amy Siesennop, Jim Nolan, Mark Debyl, Pat Barney, Doug Bissing, Todd Bourdo, Mike Kenealy, Andres Lezama, Angie Cummings, Gary Josephson, Steve Klima, Deacon Joseph Singlaub, Deacon Luis Pena, and Michelle Koconis-Hinrichs.

Excused Dana Presley, Pat Barney, and Susan Kuhlenbeck, Angie Bruno

**BRIEF NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION**

The Cluster Pastoral Council (CPC) meeting was held on May 26, 2025. Budgets from each parish were presented and discussed. Both budgets were approved by the representatives from their respective parishes. Discernment of new council members was also on our agenda

**REQUEST FOR ACTION OR DECISION FROM ANOTHER COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL**

Dana Presley will present missions and statements at our next meeting

N/A led the Council in an opening prayer.

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

1. **Meeting began at 6:30**
2. **Review of Minutes –** Revised meeting minutes with corrections were approved.
3. **Annette Dopp Called Meeting to order-**

* Annette posted the electronic link to Arch Diocese with information for the month.

1. **Pastor’s Report-Father Yamid-**
   * Father Yamid shared his thoughts and thanks for the kind words and prayers during his absence with his dear mother’s passing in April. Father Yamid spoke of his mother’s faithful following of religion which gives him deep comfort during a difficult time. He also expressed his deep gratitude of our parishioners their prayers, cards, and love for his family which was very comforting to him.
   * Father spoke of our Easter masses and how in both parishes the celebration of Easter was very well attended. He had never seen the parishes so full. He went on to say this time of the year we will see people that we may normally not see and we welcome the opportunity to meet them and welcome them to our parishes.
2. **Budget Review and Approvals-**

* Saint Catherine and Saint Joan of Arc went into designated groups to discuss the year’s budget.
* Both Saint Joans and Saint Catherine’s budgets were done individually reflecting the school and the church of Saint Joan of Arc.
* Groups were led by Steve Klima for Saint Catherine’s and Jim Nolan for Saint Joan of Arc and Saint Joan of Arc school. Sessions lasted about 30 minutes.
* Both budgets were approved by the representatives from their respective sites and this was reported back at the full council session.

1. **Gary Josephson-**

* Gary expressed that there are three positions open on the pastoral council for each parish.
* The process usually involves a vote for new members. We have not had to have a vote because there has always been ample time to pursue new council members
* Currently we are looking to fill three open positions. We have posted openings in the bulletin for the past two weeks.
* We will have an introductory meeting in mid-June sometime with interested candidates. Gary will let us know the date and the time.
* This meeting is a question answer session then directing interest to the next steps.
* He would like to invite any current council members who would like to speak of their own journey as a council member.
* Gary also informed us that Amy Sissenhop has resigned as co-chair, she will be spending a good portion of the year in a warmer climate. We wish Amy our best, and big thanks for her service in our council.

1. **Todd Bourdo-**

* June 1 is our welcome brunch. We have 15 new members in our churches. So far six couples and one single person has RSVP for the brunch. WELCOME!!
* Angie Cummings spoke of a document that Leisha pulled from the Archdiocese website. Father Yamid confirmed that only Pastoral minutes must be stored permanently. The committees should be submitting minutes each month to the liaisons on council for presentation to council. These should be reported, however, do not need to be stored.
* Father also stated the Finance Committee is very important because they are elected by our parish. They are responsible for keeping us informed on our budget and goals.
* Father reiterated staff needs to see minutes to keep themselves informed with dates and information from the council. Please make sure they receive a copy of the minutes each month.

1. **Andres Lezama-**

* Andres presented Father with an endearing picture of the Virgin Mary and several signatures from members and our school families. This was in remembrance of Father Yamid’s beautiful mother.
* Andres spoke of an event idea for Dia de Todos los Santos. He will be presenting this to council soon.

1. **Michelle Koconis-Hinrichs-**

* Michelle spoke of the upcoming confirmation date and preparation for it
* She also spoke of some upcoming plans for potential fundraising for Christian Formation.

**Closing Prayer**

Council usually meets the 4th. Tuesday of each month

Next meeting June 24th. 2025

There will be no meeting in July