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47th PPC Meeting Minutes | Summary and Action Plans:

Thursday, 31 July 2025

PPC Meeting Updates/Highlights:

- The meeting discussed several topics, including a potential project to add a cover over the vestibule area of the church to provide shade and create added gathering space.
- Education Commission: Noel reported on school registration numbers, noting that while pre-COVID numbers were over 500 students, recent years have seen an average of about 300 registrants, with a deadline for late registration extending into the second week of the school year. Noel to continue with school registration and monitor late registrations.
- Dementia Caregiver Workshop Success: The meeting discussed a recent mental health workshop on dementia and caregiving, which was attended by 90+ people from 14 parishes. The workshop featured speakers Dr. Melanie Akal, a psychiatrist, and Jocelyn Dela Torres, a registered nurse specializing in geriatric care, who provided practical advice for caregivers and discussed the challenges of dementia.
- Fr. Ray emphasized the importance of supporting both dementia patients and their caregivers, noting that dementia is particularly difficult due to its impact on family members. The workshop, which was the second in a series, was well-received and may be expanded to other parishes, with interest from Holy Name Parish in particular.
- Lastly, Fr. Ray politely expressed that we cannot commit yet for at table for the gala of the Filipino ministry, citing the church's various celebrations of its Feast and upcoming St. Augustine gala is a focus for us to make happen first.

1. Building Update on Bathroom Renovation (Design Phase)

- Father Ray reported that the design phase for the bathroom renovation project has begun, with the AIA agreement signed between the Architect Greg Roja and Chancery on July 29th. (A standard form document created by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) that defines the terms and relationships for construction and design projects)
- All transactions, big and small, will have to pass through the building department, Parish real property of
 the archdiocese. We have signed the green light to work on the mechanical, plumbing, electrical and all
 the structural people that are involved in the project (design phase of the bathroom renovation will cost
 something).
- Start of work will be based on the masterplan of the whole project. The design phase, which will cost approximately \$63,000-64,000, involves working through the Chancery's building department and includes mechanical, plumbing, and structural considerations.
- The team will meet on Tuesday to review the bathroom space, and he suggested that Bert and Manny address/provide input on the building's structure. The estimate for the renovation costs would depend on the structural and mechanical considerations that are still being evaluated.



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Action Plan(s):

- Building Committee to explore adding shade structure between vestibule and church.
- Bert and Manny to attend the meeting with the Architect and Archdiocese representatives on Tuesday.
- Follow-up with Architect Greg, to get the specific time for the Tuesday meeting.
- Bert's proposal to install motion detector switches in restrooms to conserve electricity, which was approved.

2. Jubilee Update (August)

- Discussions/plans for the 55th anniversary celebration of St. Augustine Church, focusing on community engagement and participation.
- The Jubilee in July just finished with the journey with the mental health and hope and healing workshop attended by 90 individuals from 14 parishes. We invited health experts/speakers offered to facilitate. (See flyers below.)

3. Fiesta Updates/Gala and Upcoming Events Update

- Father Ray approved the use of posters (below) for the August celebration, emphasizing they should be placed in the vestibule rather than on glass surfaces to maintain the church's appearance. He also expressed concerns about the church vestibule being used for commercial activities, preferring it to remain a space for welcome and prayer rather than sales. The discussion concluded with an agreement to avoid selling gala tickets inside the church vestibule and to keep the space focused on worship.
- Father Ray shared that the California Provincial of the Augustinians will visit St. Augustine's on August 24th to celebrate Mass.
- Rita outlined efforts to involve various parish groups, including the Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus, and youth leaders, through personal outreach and appreciation.
- The team addressed challenges in communication and attendance from parish leaders and discussed strategies to improve engagement, such as highlighting food availability during events and acknowledging volunteers' contributions. It emphasizes the importance of making the celebration special and unique, as it won't occur again for a long time, and called on PPC members to support the efforts.
- Rita reported on two (2) major events (posters below):
 - Jubilee pilgrimage on August 30-31 with 50 paid participants.
 - Fiesta on August 23rd featuring adoration, confession, and mass with Archbishop Cordileone, including various evening activities such a raffle drawing and food concessions. The fiesta will incorporate multiple events throughout the week. The event will also include an art exhibit in the hall on August 23rd-24th, with Kay and Nerissa leading the exhibit planning and requesting historical contributions from ministry leaders.

The Gala preparations:

PPC appeals for sponsorships and advertising opportunities in the event program.



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Action Plans:

- The group also briefly discussed an upcoming site visit with an architect and the possibility of organizing a day of prayer or retreat.
- The group discussed plans for a novena hospitality set-up, outside the church's double doors to serve coffee and light refreshments and move it to the tent that was going to be installed once the tent is up. (Location was well received during earlier events, with numbers reaching over 100 cups of coffee.)
- Coordinate with the Knights about setting up the tent, which will be delivered on August 22nd, and will need weights to prevent it from blowing away in the wind.
- Rita to confirm that banderitas (little flags) would be hung on August 20th, Father Ray suggested using weather-resistant materials.
- To include the children in baking, with Rita confirming she had recruited help from Elsa's group to make special cakes, and Father Ray mentioned Joshua Guevara's interest in making cookies.
- Greg Cruz and Ren Luna to follow up with Patricia about the exact time of tent delivery and setup.
- Ministry leaders to send historical content for 55th anniversary exhibit and to submit photos of deceased members for In Memoriam Wall.
- Kay and Nerissa to coordinate the exhibit setup in Parish Hall.
- Noel to help connect with baptismal catechists and small Christian communities for exhibit participation
- Deacon Ness to coordinate Worship Committee engagement for 55th anniversary events.
- Bert and Mila plan and manage raffle drawing for 55th anniversary events.
- Ministry leaders promote food availability each night of 55th anniversary events.
- Rita to follow up with Patricia about food concession details.
- Bert and his team will begin banderitas (little flags) decorations on August 20th.
- Rita to coordinate with team about removing banderitas (little flags) after the event and to talk to team about poster displays in vestibule and hall.
- First aid team to meet on Monday/Tuesday to discuss plans for fiesta first aid; Rita to order 2 first aid kits from Amazon for church and hall.
- Knights to move ticket sales operations outside of church vestibule.
- Council to prepare hospitality plan for August 24th visit from Augustinian Provincial.
- John to request Supreme Knight letter for parish 55th anniversary.
- Gala Committee to follow up with ministry leaders for participation and support.
- Rita to organize a Zoom meeting with the participants for the upcoming pilgrimage to provide logistics and details.
- Council to plan picnic/retreat day and develop a brief survey for post-event feedback collection. John and Father Ray discussed organizing a picnic in September to celebrate the end of the Jubilee year, with Father Ray emphasizing the importance of reflecting on the year's events.
- Vivian suggested conducting short surveys after events to gather feedback on future improvements.



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MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Hope & Healing: Raising Mental Health Awareness and Cultivating the Healing Power of Hope

JULY 27, 2025 | 2pm to 5pm | Saint Augustine Parish Hall

According to CDC, Mental Health is a state of well-being that enables us to cope with the stresses of life, realize our abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to our community. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood and aging. Hope and healing are essential components of recovery from mental health challenges. Fostering hope, through supportive environments and positive self-care practices, can significantly improve mental well-being and promote healing.

As a faith community, **Saint Augustine parish** is helping raise awareness and helping change the conversation around mental health. Join us for a **FREE** workshop to learn more about:

- · Mental health challenges and ways for cultivating hope in daily life
- Recognize the signs and symptoms of depression, anxiety, and dementia, its treatments and when to seek professional help
- · Caring for loved ones with dementia and their caregivers
- · Creating a community of hope (community resources)



Register by July 20
Go online using the link below:
www.bit.ly/HopeandHealing



Scan the QR Code or Call Parish office

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MELANIE AKALAL, MD Psychiatrist, The Permanent Medical Group - Antioch, C



CATHOLIC CHARITIES SAN FRANCISCO Adult Aging Programs

CELVIN DE LA TORRE, RN, RSN, SN IV Residential Care Facility for the Edent Liceroses/ Administrator





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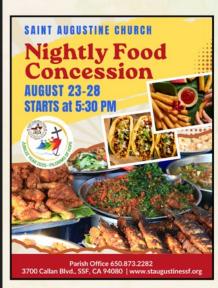
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Saint Augustine Church - Fiesta Celebration 2025

COME JOIN THE PARISH - AUGUST 23 TO AUGUST 28 - WEEK-LONG FESTIVITIES!









\$130* PER PERSON

*FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

- OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS
- FIRST COME FIRST SERVED
- SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50 PARTICIPANTS
- DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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INCLUDES BUS TRANSPORTATION
& OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION
(FOOD NOT INCLUDED)

ITINERARY: SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025

- · Morning Departure from Saint Augustine Church
- · Cathedral of St Mary
- Mission Dolores
- · National Shrine of St Francis
- · Mission San Rafael
- · St Patrick's Seminary
- · Overnight at San Antonio de Padua

ITINERARY: SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

- · Morning Departure from San Antonio de Padua
- · Sunday Mass
- Lunch stop @ Seaside
- Back to SAC





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