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To the faith-community of the Church of St. Peter,

Our council is an apostolate of Fr. Steven. We are here to support him through our presence, prayers, faith, wisdom, and experiences to help guide his decisions for the greater good of our parish. As a faith community, may our prayers for Fr. Steven continue to lead him to do God's will here at St. Peter's.

As the Parish Pastoral Council concludes another year, it is time to provide an update on what has taken place this past fiscal year, which ended on June 30th.

- **Councilors completing term of service: Anne Igo and Andrew Elm**

Anne and Andrew completed two terms of service to the council. We are so grateful for their faith-filled contributions to our council. At the May 14th meeting, we recognized their years of service with a blessing from Fr. Steven and a reception following the meeting.

- **New Councilors: Cathy Helmstetter and Pat McNulty**

Cathy and Pat were chosen by Fr. Steven to serve a 3-year term for FY '26-29.

- **Elected Officer: Matt Reimann (Vice Chair)**

Election of Officers took place on May 14th. The only open officer position was for PPC Vice Chair. Matt was elected Vice Chair for FY '26-29.

- **PPC Meeting Dates FY '26-27**

The meeting dates are September 10th, November 12th, February 11th and May 13th.

- **Materials read and discussed**

This year we continued to discuss sections from "The Holy Spirit, Fire of Divine Love" by Fr. Wilfrid Stinissen, O.C.D. This book emphasizes the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian.

- **St. Peter's Ministry Fair, October 4-5, 2025**

The council participated in this fair and enjoyed meeting fellow parishioners. It gave the opportunity for parishioners to ask questions and understand the role of the council.

- **Presentations to the Council**

In years past, we have had an annual presentation from Peter Guzulaitas, Director of Operations, on the financial status of the parish. This update was not provided this year due to the ongoing Collaborative Campaign and follow-up that was required for this campaign. We will receive an update, from Peter, in the upcoming fiscal year at our November meeting.

- **5th Annual FSCS Tri-Parish Leadership meeting on February 3rd, 2026**

This meeting brought together parish leadership from St. John Neumann, St. Thomas Becket and St. Peter's, including members of the pastoral councils, finance councils and trustees. Dr. Catherine Butel, FSCS Principal, led the meeting. Kate Larsen (Enrollment & Marketing Director) shared the 25th anniversary video. John Tauer (FSCS Corporate Treasurer) gave the financial update.

Dr. Butel provided an update that FSCS has received Lumen Accreditation, as part of Diocesan-wide effort to align academic accreditation more intentionally with Catholic values.

Lumen Accreditation evaluates 9 areas: Academic Achievement & Integration, Virtue Formation & Human Development, Spiritual Life, Apostolic Discernment, United with Archdiocese & Parishes, Effective Governance, Leadership & Teaching, Access, Partnership Engagement & Financial Sustainability (69 areas evaluated in these 9 categories). The Lumen Accreditation gave the following commendations and recommendations:

Commendations: Stable/unified community, strong teaching/academic protocols/success in institutional initiative

Recommendations: increase leadership support for academics & succession planning, increase capacity to meet diverse student needs, enrich the spiritual formation of both students & faculty.

Of note, the FSCS Bulletin Board, outside the sacristy, was recently updated by Anne Igo to help bring more visibility of the school to the parishioners of our church.

- **Council Topics discussed FY '25-26**

Per Fr. Steven's vision for the council, our discussions were focused on the collaborative campaign, FSCS, PEC's and the Synod.

Please remember that you can find the minutes from each meeting and the annual report on the website under About Us→Parish & Council Contacts and scroll down to St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Council to find these items.

We look forward to what the future holds for our parish's life in Christ.

May Christ continue to bless your life,

Ann Hoey

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council