

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

September 21, 2023

Father David opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer. In attendance were members David Dart, Bill Franz, Kelly Grey, Wayne Hussey, Cy Richards, and Morris Stark. Father David Leibham, Pastor, and Ms. Jane Heckler, Parish Chief Operating Officer, were also in attendance.

For the first item of business, Father David was pleased to report that the Faith formation programs at Emmaus are going very well. Over 500 students are participating with elementary students the most represented.

Father David made a presentation regarding replacing the clear glass in certain doors at Emmaus with stained glass produced by Cavallini Art Glass Studio in San Antonio. Part of this project has already been completed and installation of the stained glass is to occur in late October. The part of the project still remaining is a work in process at the San Antonio company. That same company is to create stained glass windows in order to enhance the spiritual beauty of Queen of Angels Chapel. Altogether, there are 18 windows to be converted from clear glass to stained glass. The conversion is anticipated to occur in 2024 - the 20th anniversary of Queen of Angels. Sponsors are covering the cost of the windows; nearly all of the windows have already been fully funded.

Coffee and doughnuts will be available after the 8:30, 10:30, and 12:15 Masses at Emmaus on October 1. Bob McCarty, Cy Richards, and Morris Stark will handle this endeavor.

The next item of business was a discussion of Our Lady's Grotto. The statue of Mary is scheduled to arrive on October 2. The enclosure and gravel will be completed after the statue is in place. Plantings of shrubbery that will help provide privacy between the Grotto and the parking lot will be done in the spring. The other outdoor statues of Mary on the campus will be taken down. The dedication of the Grotto will possibly take place after a 10:30 Mass to allow for large participation from the congregation.

Father David led the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.