

Meeting Minutes May 5th, 2025

Attendees: Fr. Joseph Pham, Fr. Alfred Mungujakisa, Frank Gramenzi, Richard Macdonald, Jim McGuinness, Pedro Guzman, Ellie Kandle and Lisa Rice
 In Absentia: Al Pisanelli, Sr. Michele DiGregorio

Opening Prayer – Fr. Pham

Review minutes from previous meeting

Called for More - Disciple Maker Index Survey

- 162 respondents
- Individual analysis done – Ellie Kandle & Jim McGuinness did analysis)

Eucharist Revival - Eucharistic Processions

- Recent
 - **Palm Sunday** - April 13, 2025 at St. Margaret – Palm Procession
 - Attendance was okay but not great
 - Need to have processors carry bigger palm branches
 - More appropriate music – Music should be loud enough to draw attention and praise & worship/spiritual in nature (ex. Christian rock, K-Love-radio type songs) Music will replace the Rosary – Not the right audience for a procession. (Apologies to Our Blessed Mother)

- Upcoming
 - **Corpus Christi** - June 22, 2025 at St. John Vianney
 - Plan for at least 3 Altars along the route

- Promotion for processions

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| Put banners out the weekend prior to the procession | Remove banners the weekend of the procession |
| Flyer in bulletin | Altar announcements |
| Email to Ministries | Instructions from Ambo prior to procession |
| Encourage Altar Servers to attend | |

- Additional needs - check list

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| Monstrance (for SJVC) | Banner pole/stand from KofC | Cooler & water |
| Canopy (for SJVC) | Cart & straps | |
| Parish banner | Speaker, mics (& batteries) | |

Eucharist Revival - Eucharistic Presentations

- Blessed Carlo Acutis (postponed for now). There are a series of 165 presentations which are available for purchase for approximately \$4500. Rich will approach the diocesan KOC to inquire about purchasing the videos and they could then be rented out on the parish level to reimburse the initial purchase cost (ex. \$300 per rental)
- Eucharistic Miracles; Relics of the Saints – Fred Durso (contact)

Adoration

- First Fridays
 - Kevin Rice now doing a great job coordinating the schedule
 - requires some follow-up each month
- Need to encourage Adoration for SMRS school children
 - Teachers have been randomly scheduling 15-20 minutes of Adoration on Fridays during Religion class for the past few months;
 - Need commitment of a regular schedule for each grade from Sr. Michele
- Need pamphlet explaining the significance of Adoration
 - Jim McGuinness update
 - 3 Parts - Thank you, Lord. Teach me, Lord. Take over, Lord.
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Faith Formation/Bible Study

- The Chosen – Good turnout.
 - Will resume Season 5 in the Fall
- Potential - Fridays starting in February and leading into Lent
 - Lectio: Philippians with Dr. Tim Gray (6 episodes)
 - Lectio: Mark with Dr. Tim Gray (14 episodes)
 - Lectio: God with Dr. Elizabeth Klein (9 episodes)
 - Lectio: Prayer with Dr. Tim Gray (6 episodes)
- Other options
 - Jesus & The Eucharist (8 Episodes, 2 hrs. each) - USCCB & Augustine Institute
 - Eucharistic Miracles with Fr. Robert Spitzer
 - Suggestion was made to show a series on the lives of the Saints (each night featuring a different saint)
- Need program for children
 - **URGENT - Need leader** – Fingerprinting required.
 - Consider Formed resources
 - Consider catering to different age groups
 - Come up with a structured program

Lenten Activities - REVIEW

- The Passion of the Christ March 2, 2025 & March 23, 2025 @ 3:00 PM in St. Margaret Church
 - Attendance was about 30-40 at each viewing
 - Church worked out well but was too bright at 3 PM
 - Brightness caused projector picture to appear faded
 - Had to switch to using TVs for second viewing
- Soup and Scripture - 5:45 PM in the Ministry Center
 - Lectio: The Case for Jesus with Dr. Brant Pitre (9 episodes)
 - Well received... one more episode scheduled for this Friday (mostly Q&A)
- Stations of the Cross on Fridays
 - Every Friday in Lent (except April 4, 2025) @ 7:00 PM in St. Margaret Church
 - Well Attended. Feedback: 7 p.m. was much better than 7:30
 - Living Stations of the Cross – April 4, 2025 @ 7:00 PM in St. Margaret School Gym

- Well Attended
- Outdoor Stations of the Cross
 - Unable to schedule this year (March was too cold)
- Live Station of the Cross procession
 - Consider man who carries a cross on Woodbury-Glassboro Rd; (he lives in the Jericho neighborhood of Deptford; Frank volunteered to ask his friend who lives in Jericho for information.
 - Unable to schedule this year
- Witness Crosses
 - No new crosses made this year; will make more next year.

Other topics?

- Schedule Deanery-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour (St. Patrick & Incarnation)
- Last Coffee & Donuts (SJV) soon; Will resume in October.
- First Wednesday Adoration Hour at SJV 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Sept-June)
- Jim will make homemade apple pie for our September meeting and Lisa will provide the ice cream, bowls & spoons!

Schedule next meeting – 9/22/2025

Closing prayer – Fr. Al