## Minutes Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017

1.	Welcome & Prayer: Chairperson			
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2.	Attendance:			
	Father Manu, Carolyn Ost, Jen O'Neill, Michael Flavel, Michelle Thomas, Marie Haydon, Louella Walker, Therese Meyers, Betty Roper, Rony Abraham, Paul Haydon, Peter Bierer (COYYA)			
3.	Apologies			
	Angela Coon, Graham Speed, Anna Neave and Arnold Callado who has stepped down temporarily due to ill-health			
4.	Standing Items			
4.1	Minutes of Previous Meeting     Minutes moved as accepted by Betty Roper and seconded by Marie Haydon     Subject to changes that Michelle Thomas was present and 'l' added to Jeni O'Neill's name			
4.2	<ul> <li>Business Arising from Previous Minutes</li> <li>Subcommittee for International Food Festival – meeting date yet to be determined!</li> <li>Michelle Thomas, Acting Assistant Principal in Religious Identity and Mission of SFX, was officially welcomed as the PPC representative of the Catholic Primary School in the parish.</li> <li>A formal invitation was extended to Adam Cibich, APRIM of Gleeson College to participate in the PPC as Gleeson College's representative on the PPC.</li> </ul>			
4.3	Reports			
4.3.1	<ul> <li>Pastoral – report circulated in advance and tabled</li> <li>The Youth Choir has been confirmed for the Youth Mass organized for 8July. This Mass will be a follow up for Sacramental Program candidates and families. It was suggested that there be liaison with the Liturgy Committee when liturgies are being planned.</li> <li>Dates for the next sacramental program are being proposed. It was queried how evaluation of the program was informing the next program.</li> <li>Carolyn, Michelle, Jeni, Angela, Grace, Phyllis and Therese facilitate an evaluation of the program that includes parents/families giving feedback.</li> </ul>			
4.3.2	Parish Finance Committee – report circulated in advance and tabled			
4.3.3	<ul> <li>John Jarrad to announce two parishioners on subcommittee in good time.</li> <li>St Francis Xavier Primary School Liaison – report tabled</li> <li>Students had contributed to a clothing and can drive as part of Vinnies' Winter Appeal; 455 kg of clothing and 600 cans were donated. Michael and Moira Bone collected the donations.</li> <li>The Sacraments were wonderful and had a great community feel.</li> </ul>			
4.3.4	<ul> <li>Gleeson College Liaison</li> <li>Michael Flavel made contact with Adam Cibich on 19June</li> <li>A nurturing approach is being taken with teacher, Carly, as she participates in the music ministry in the parish</li> </ul>			
4.3.5	<ul> <li>Liturgy Committee – report circulated in advance and tabled</li> <li>Liturgy has improved</li> <li>October to April is better time for training. Need to conduct more than one training session to support people's participation</li> <li>List of commissioned ministers is to eventually be displayed in the church</li> <li>Training for the Proclaimers of the Word coming together - coordinate with the Office for Worship</li> <li>Phyllis Truman has organised training of altar servers following the recent</li> </ul>			

	sacramental program.	
4.4	Correspondence  Helen Podgorski has submitted her resignation from the PPC despite efforts to dissuade her.	
4.5	<ul><li>Child Protection</li><li>No date for training has been set - likely to be after September</li></ul>	
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## 5. Youth Presentation – Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults

Peter Bierer from COYYA - new to the position - provided multiple copies of the document, "Anointed and Sent". Talked about the great work of the leaders of YFC and JY but identified them as groups that have international connections and a strong cultural base and so provide less connection with 'parish' identity for young people. His observations in the Adelaide Archdiocese include that groups from parishes tend to be 5 – 20 participants. School based groups are strong in retreat experiences and social justice activities. The archdiocese is hoping for collaboration across parishes.

Peter discussed the success of the southern cluster of parishes in Brighton, Seacombe Gardens and Christies Beach - may be grounded in the gatherings starting young, Year 4 with bridges made to assist transition to the next stage/group. The effectiveness has been ten years in the making and has had strong leadership from Monsignor Rob Egar, the principal of Marymount and ??? and has included a paid position for a designated youth leader.

For 'methods that work', see the key principles (p9) in "Anointed and Sent" and the book by Kara Powell referenced in the key principles. Also see the book – Young Adult Age written by John Roberto – website Lifelong Faith. Suggestions:

- a) important to connect with those young people who are searching.
- b) Listen, discern and move forward with young people.
- c) possibly have a position on the PPC specifically as the voice for young people.
- d) be relational across the generations Strive to be on a first name basis with young people
- e) Avoid peer to peer structure.

Research has revealed that 1:5 is the ratio of young person to other-thanfamily-faith-filled people for there to be a healthy Church life experience for young people.

See the 'challenging questions' in the 'Anointed and Sent' document.

Avoid seeing a paid or designated role as the 'silver bullet - the whole community has a role and a responsibility in the faith journey of young people.

An example of something that worked in a US situation is where a parish conducted a 6 week course, during which adults shared their skills, possibly related to professional life, with other interested members of the community and presented them in the context of being linked with their Catholic faith.

The archdiocesan WYD investment is being reallocated to a local significant celebration given security concerns.

The Northern Renewal Project to find young leaders willing to pass on their faith is a current diocesan focus.

Peter is looking to create 'standards' for youth ministers and looks forward to continuing a relationship with us as we move forward.

6.	Summary of Key Points and Actions			
1	Invite youth to participate in the PPC	Manu, Carolyn and Therese		
2	Sub – committee for International Food Festival to meet this month	Carolyn, Rony, Louella, Marie		
3	Evaluation of the Sacramental Program – Carolyn to prepare draft questions and share with the Sacrament Prog Team	Michelle, Therese and Carolyn		
4	Acknowledge SFX collection and donations to Vinnes winter appeal in Bulletin	Carolyn		
7.	Close of Meeting			
	Meeting closed with prayer lead by Fr Manu			
8.	Next Meeting – 11 July 2017			
Gathering prayer for the next meeting to be prepared by Louella				