**Pastoral Table Minutes from November 16, 2021**

**Attending:**

Fr. Terry Keehan, Mike Myers, Greg Flanagan, Rick McMahon, Anne Madsen, Lisa Gagliano,

Joy Kull

**Planned Absence:** Luis Gutierrez, Sue Geegan, Roe Geisler

**Guests:** Mary Whiteside, Marsha Adamcyk

**The meeting began at 6:40PM**.

**Opening Prayer - Anne Madsen**

John: 18

**Welcome/ Introduction New Members Lisa Gagliano and Joy Kull**

* Entire group introduced themselves.
* Active effort to bring diverse opinions to the Parish Table.

**Pulse of the Parish**

* Church Attendance – articles about alternatives of expression, morphing into other methods of perceived worship.
* Create activities to make faith more real.
* WSJ article - Prospects in Religion article – 19% of Americans have spiritual stirrings – now 27% - how do we tap into that increase. **Article Attached**
* Catholics watch Mass on TV, gives themselves permission to not go.
* People potentially feeling less strongly about the presence of the eucharist
* Un-Gala idea / Will there be a Gala? Outside options?
* How to build on energy from FM&AIG

**What feedback are you getting on AiG?**

* Very Positive Feedback – 406 in house, 75 on line.
* Mary/ Marcia expected lower – like 200.
* Must honor time commitment in future – length noted –
* Need someone on stage to manage time (i.e. cut songs or other things if behind)
* Attention span - 50-minute segments – mingle a little to keep attention
* Coordinate with Academy for attendance – less homework, driving attendance.
* Passports and boarding passes were confusing as administered– methods changed late in game and time ran short.
* People are looking for hope – reflective time
* Lots of content and time sensitive – unique experience and unique challenge
* Rest stop 12/01 – links sent – can go into small groups – demographics considered
* SCC questions – the Friday after the Wednesday meeting – notes will be available.
* SCC leaders needed.
* Where people find Grace – write down – backpack by the Altar / maybe place spot on web site for mass submissions.
* Cards with questions at AIG desk – solicit answers
* Possible screens in future with “where grace was found” statements

**Any specific feedback on Terry Nelson Johnson?**

* Has talent to generate reflection.
* Tired – but doing well – people concerned
* TNJ - Thought Teens were bored – Teens opportunity.

**Renew my Church**

* Partner Parish – St. Ann’s in Barrington
* We have a lot in common with St. Ann
* Renew my church – no consolidation known – just collaborate
* About looking at Church differently
* Need parish Table help to socialize this in the parish – avoid idea of something lost or closing.
* Looking for collaboration event.

**Parish Table Evolution**

* Potential addition of 1-2 more members – specific people in mind – needed mindset.
* Potential for meeting at table in rectory – for more communal feel.
* Potential idea for earlier start and food….again communal/collaborative feel

Members agreed to pose following question to 5-10 parishioners. Collect answers to discuss at next meeting:

**“What do you need for a sense of belonging at church and how can pilgrimage help?”**

**Next meeting 12/14**

**Meeting ended at 20:31**