

PPC Minutes – November 2019

The St. Gertrude Parish Pastoral council met on November 20, 2019.

First, the PPC wants to thank the listening session participants following the liturgies during our parish feast day weekend which included a combined Mass. The PPC continues to process the feedback but having used a tool to review the text, we wanted to share some initial feedback with you.

Across the liturgies, 59 of you took time to respond, with 76% of you saying the current liturgy schedule works for you. Using a tool on the internet to analyze the text, we uncovered the following:

- Top 3-word phrase appearing in the feedback:
Sense of community
- Top 2-word phrase appearing in the feedback:
The community
- Top word appearing in the feedback:
Community

The PPC will continue to work with this feedback throughout the new year and looks forward to engaging parishioners more in next steps and more listening.

Second, the PPC reviewed membership. We have several people in the pipeline for membership, including some people who came to observe the November meeting. To be in accordance with our newly adopted by-laws, some members are rolling off as we consider new membership.

The PPC is grateful to Dominic Guagenti (since 2018 – moved to Minnesota), Sarah Millar (since 2016), and Norm Bowers (since 2016) for their service on the PPC. We would also like to acknowledge that in stepping down from the PPC, Norm Bowers has spent a collective 44 years serving on parish councils, including the St. Gertrude PPC.

Third, Fr. Rich updated the PPC on *Renew My Church*. He has been meeting with Deacon Chris Murphy (St. Ignatius) and Fr. Noel (St. Jerome) as under the approval of the Archdiocese, St. Ita and St. Greg's have left the grouping and will likely combine themselves. St. Ignatius, St. Jerome, and St. Gertrude leadership will consider what a path forward might look like at this time as the Archdiocese considers its next steps and revised timeline.

Lastly, the PPC adopted and approved a new mission statement and vision statement for St. Gertrude. This thoughtful discernment process for the new statements began in January 2019. We look forward to shedding more light on how we arrived at these over the next several months in the bulletins.

Here are the newly approved St. Gertrude mission and vision statements:

- Mission - *St. Gertrude builds God's kingdom by celebrating the sacraments of life, spreading the gospel, and serving others.*
- Vision - *We strive to be a community, growing in faith, that welcomes all and brings Christ's love to others.*

~ Colleen Fulkerson, PPC Secretary