

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL
MJS HALL
Catholic Renewal Center
December 3, 2022 – 10:30 am

MINUTES

Bishop Coerver, Mr. Larry Rossi, Mrs. Esther Clarady, Mr. Lucas Flores, Sr. Peggy Szeljack, Sr. Olivia Rico, Mrs. Christine Wanjura, Mr. Marty Martin, Deacon Adrian Jimenez, Ms. Gloria Calderon, Ms. Valerie Rodriguez, Rev. George Poonely, (Plainview Deanery), Rev. John Stephen Rathinam, IMS, (Brownfield Deanery), Rev. Albert Devanesan, HGN (Representing Snyder Deanery for Fr. Selva), and Judy Leos Rodriguez, Recording Secretary

Absent: Msgr. David Cruz, Rev. Jim McCartney, (Lubbock Deanery), Rev. Jose Kochuparambil, Deacon Juan Cavazos, Mrs. Lisa Gonzales, Mrs. Frances Alvarez, Mr. Stephen Henry.

OPENING PRAYER (Handout)

The regular meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) was held on Saturday, December 3, 2022, and was opened with a prayer led by Sr. Peggy Szeljack. (Handout/Group Participation/Table Talk on Faith, Family, Formation during Advent):

Sister Peggy broke the ice with the following questions and then dove right into scripture for a deeper understanding of the mission of disciples. *The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand.*

Questions:

1. Explain if you agree or disagree with the following quote. “The way you dress tells the rest of the world how you expect to be treated.”
2. Would you rather drive a Ford AC Cobra or a Dodge Viper?
3. Why would this statement be True/False for you? I like snakes.
4. What are the pluses and minuses of fire?

MINUTES

The DPC Minutes of April 23, 2022, and August 6, 2022, were accepted as written.

The meeting Minutes were distributed electronically to the Council prior to this meeting. They were unanimously approved and posted on the Diocesan website.

CONSTITUTION OF THE DPC

The DPC Constitution of the Diocese of Lubbock was updated on April 25, 2022, by the Most Reverend Robert M. Coerver, Bishop of Lubbock.

Ratification of the Constitution of the Diocesan Pastoral Council for the Diocese of Lubbock was accepted as written with changes on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at the DPC meeting.

The Bishop used this time to welcome Father Albert Devanesan, HGN who is standing in for Father Selva and the Bishop also welcomed our new Chancellor to the DPC, Deacon Adrian Jimenez.

USCCB UPDATE

The USCCB gathered for the 2022 Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore on November 14-17, 2022.

Bishop Coerver gave the DPC members a brief update on what is happening with the USCCB. A new president was elected—Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, was elected president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) during the Assembly in Baltimore. The bishops had two (2) days of dialog, and voting on *Action Items* and changes were well received and welcomed with openness by the New and Senior Body of Bishops.

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES

-The bishop would like to look at maybe doing a soft reopening during Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023, and have Communion under both species. He is well aware of the illnesses that are happening and continues to go in the

direction of safety, but he is also aware of the direction the priests are going. He thanked everyone for their support and input on this important topic.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL UPDATE

-The Traveling Icon has been a big wonderful spiritual inspiration for the diocese and its people. A schedule of where the Icon is traveling to can be located through the Office of Communications. It is currently in the Lubbock Deanery.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING

The bishop went over future pastoral planning and upcoming changes for the Diocese. This topic will be brought back to the DPC at a later date.

WHOLE FAMILY FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

-The bishop said that our Catholics need connection with other Catholics to help families connect with each other and connect our faith. Center around the world with kindness.

TOPIC FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- Ministry to Young People
- How to Dialogue as Church
- Diocesan Pastoral Planning

CLOSING

The next DPC meeting will take place at the CRC on Saturday, April 22, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Larry Rossi closed the meeting with a prayer.

Note:

Bishop's Come & Go Christmas party took place on Saturday December 17, 2022 at the Catholic Renewal Center - MJ Sheehan Hall.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by
Judy Leos Rodriguez, Recording Secretary**