

A message from Pastoral Assembly (PA)

On Saturday, February 26th, the PA had its second meeting of the year. The purpose of this meeting was to review and discuss the feedback received from the Transition Meeting on February 5th from both those leaving and new members of the PA, in the following areas:

1. What went well in 2021?
2. What opportunities from 2021?
3. What should the PA concentrate in 2022?

The meeting was very productive. Thank you to the new 2022 PA members for the attendance and engagement with the discussions.

Highlights for What Worked Well in 2021:

- 1) **Many hands and talents made it work.** We had a core of people (ministers) supporting the Mass. Leveraging the Youth and Technology enabled online masses keeping people connected to the parish. We had 3000 people connecting Online each week.
- 2) **The parish was flexible and showed great resilience.** Many people in the parish remained engaged and involved, even when going through the tough times of Covid.
- 3) **The continued celebration of the Liturgy helped our community.** The music for the Mass was comforting with a good sound system supporting outdoor and online Masses. Special recognition to Victor for the sound system and Bob on the violin for the English Masses.
- 4) **Communication with both Spanish and English-speaking communities.** The communities came together and was key to keep parish activities going.
- 5) **Extra activities helped keep the community engaged:** Advent and Lent Video Series, Halloween Drive Through, Burgers N Band in the parking lot, Fr Shaw's Funeral.

The PA then reviewed the feedback received from both groups on Opportunities from 2021 and what the PA should focus on for 2022. Responses were categorized and classified for what was In-Scope of the PA and what was Out of Scope. The entries categorized in the following areas were found to be In-Scope of the PA: Liturgy, Programs, Parish Community, Communications, Maintenance, PA Meetings and PA Constitution. Entries in the following categories were classified as out of scope for the PA: Staff and Religious Education. Fr Aaron will address the Out-of-Scope Items with the Parish Staff. PA Committees were then established to address in-scope areas.

The following committees were established:

- Liturgy - Leader: Anna Jean
- Programs and Parish Community - Leader: Karina Garcia Silva Atkinson
- Communications - Leader: Carlos I. Colón-Burgos
- PA Meetings - Leader: John Paneno
- PA Constitution- Leader: John Paneno
- Maintenance - Leader: to be determined (Carlos and John to define scope)