

## **Parish Mission and Vision Update for the Parish Pastoral Council - May 7, 2022**

### **General updates:**

- We've had two changes in our parish staff (announced via Flocknote yesterday). Amanda Vivar is now Director of Hispanic Ministry. Amanda Fiorazo is our new Hospitality Coordinator.
  - RCIA, First Communion, Confirmation all went well in recent weeks.
  - Parish office moves went well. Staff settling in to new offices.
  - Fr. Robert Healey will visit on Tuesday May 17th.
  - Seminarians Marcus Lyons and Kyle Doud move in late May. All rectory rooms will be occupied starting July 1.
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### **Encounter #2- Aligned Activities:**

- Encounter activities beginning this month: Young Adult "Made for More", Summer Catechism with the Sisters in Spanish, "A Walk Through the Catechism with Fr. O'Brien" Saturdays this summer, XLT Eucharistic Event June 18th

### **Encounter #4- Daily Prayer:**

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday and Thursday continues to draw people in, daily online rosary.

### **Encounter #5- Spanish Mass**

- Weekly priest videos are now being released in English and Spanish. Weekly homilies now being posted in English and Spanish.

- Spanish during the week will be added this summer

### **Encounter #7- Confession Times**

- We are likely to start daily (except Monday) Confessions sometime this summer.

### **Encounter #8- The Rosary:**

- Evening online rosary continues led by Rob and Gina Agnew with assistance from Mona Pratt and Taylor and Brett Akins. 30-40 people join in each night.
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### **Grow #2: Opportunities to Grow**

- Monthly Spanish Catechism with Religious Sisters, Spanish Bible Study, Spanish parish Mission, Young Adults "Made for More" on Mondays, Scott Hahn June 10th, XLT Eucharist event June 18th, Vacation Bible School, Camp Xavier, Steubenville Youth Conference, Fr. O'Brien Summer Catechism are all grow opportunities.

### **Grow #4- Parish Staff Formation:**

- Monthly staff Mass with Fr. O'Brien/

- Parish staff made a pilgrimage to Wichita this Tuesday to visit the tomb of Servant of God Emil Kapaun

### **Grow #5- Adult Catechesis in Spanish:**

- Beginning in March, religious sisters from Tulsa began offering catechesis once a month for a three-hour session on the basics of the faith. This is open to all Spanish speakers and will lead to them being certified as catechists. This will be once a month for three years. It will take place entirely in Spanish.

- Weekly Bible Study starts in May

- Spanish Parish Mission with Fr. Mauricio Carrasco of the Diocese of Little Rock will be May 29-31st.

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### **Grow #6- Marriage Preparation:**

-All three Stillwater based priests continue to spend significant time preparing couples for marriage. Many get married here, others in their hometowns but there's lots of preparation taking place here. About 30 couples are currently in formation.

### **Grow #7- Marriage Strengthening**

-A parish wide marriage retreat is being planned for the fall

### **Grow #8- Vocations**

-Four men in the parish has filled out preliminary paperwork to formally discern a vocation to the diaconate

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### **Go #2- Welcoming the Poor:**

-"Love Thy Neighbor" continues to help people every week through the parish office. Mother Teresa Ministry volunteers are in the office returning phone calls and helping people with gas and food.

-Afghan resettlement has moved to a new phase with Catholic Charities support through a federal contract ending May 1st. Due to significant financial support from two individuals outside our parish but with strong Catholic and Stillwater ties, we are funding a position for 3 months through OSU's Global Studies Department. Through these donations we are also funding legal aid and medical expenses for the 70 Afghans in our area.

### **Go #6- Use of Media:**

-We continue to livestream two Sunday Masses (11:15 and 1pm). We record many classes and talks to make them available on social media and our SoundCloud account. Sunday homilies are available on SoundCloud, Facebook, and YouTube. Pastors of Payne podcast and radio show continues to reach 500-700 people a week. Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram followers continue to rise.

-Pastors of Payne has reached 124,000 downloads

-New Communications Director Rob Ponce is making videos in house and has done a lot to beef up our social media and other communications.

### **Go #8- RCIA:**

-20 individuals received Sacraments at Easter. About 10 more are waiting on annulments and will be received into the Church should those annulments come through.

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### **Building #2- Stained Glass Windows:**

-We will very likely sign a contract this week for design and build of stained glass windows for the St. Teresa of Calcutta Chapel. Diocesan legal counsel has signed off on the contract. Expected cost is \$93,000

### **Building #3- Expanding Classrooms and Other Spaces**

-We're looking at purchasing a property close by. Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and staff have toured the facility.

### **Building #4- Catholic School:**

-Bishop Konderla has given the go-ahead for us to begin a conversation in earnest. He said a school in Stillwater, if feasible, would be good for this part of the diocese. It's his desire that it could not only serve the Stillwater area but also places like Cushing, Drumright, and Pawnee.

-Father O'Brien will convene a group this Summer to discuss a Catholic school for Stillwater. Several signs point to possibly opening a school: Stillwater growing, OSU growing, no Catholic schools for 40 miles, ECDC is booming, lots of babies being born.

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-A nearby property is available for sale and could be converted to a school.

-Fr. O'Brien will be visiting St. Joseph Catholic School in Enid on Monday to look at their finances. Enid and Stillwater (without the students) are similar in size.