**Minutes of the Meeting**

Monthly Parish Pastoral Council meeting – 26 APR 2025

Agenda

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| 1. Report of previous meeting 2. Evaluation of Holy Week Programme |
| 1. Family Census |
| 1. Bishops’ visit updates |
| 1. Accounts updates – Donations and Expenses for the holy week 2. Jubilee Year Pilgrimage 3. House Blessings update 4. Miscellaneous topics and agenda from members |
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Attendees

Meeting started at 07:25PM with prayer by Parish Priest (PP), with below members,

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| **Chair** | |
| President of PPC and PFC | Fr. Mariadhas |
| **Ex Officio Members** | |
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| **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** | |
| A - St. Joseph zone | Arockia Selvi, Wilson |
| B - St. Antony Zone | *Not Available* |
| C - St. Alphonsa Zone | *Not Available* |
| D - St. Don Bosco Zone | Martin, Jagadish |
| E - St. Mother Theresa Zone | *Not Available* |
| F - St. Maria Di Mattias Zone | Rathinam, Rejoy |
| G - St. Paul Zone | Gopinath |
| H - St. Thomas Zone | Rajesh |
| Youth Coordinators | Ericks, Suman |
| **Nominated Members** | |
| Women Cell | Not Available |

Report of previous meeting was read out by secretary of PPC. A member suggested that we can read out only the summary of the minutes as it is already shared with us in WhatsApp group. Suggestion accepted by everyone.

Evaluation of Holy Week Programme

* Corpus Christi Procession
  + A member suggested that we can have the procession within the campus as we don’t have advertise our presence to the public now.
  + Parish Priest explained that Good Friday is only celebrated by Catholics - it’s better to have a solemn procession and it’s the most appropriate time of the year to do so.
  + Members expressed that it wasn’t much effective as there was no prayers, people were just chit-chatting during procession since there was no prayers were recited
  + It was suggested to give a cross in everyone’s hands next year. We can announce everyone to bring a cross while coming for procession
* Feedback from the Parish Priest on PPC members
  + Parish Priest expressed his happiness at the **strong turnaround for both masses**, as the church full for both the services. For English mass in the morning, there were only less than 100 people participated.
  + **Palm Sunday processions** were re-arranged to be within the campus because the seminary and convent were not prepared as there were not enough people to prepare.
  + Enough participation was there from PPC on Palm Sunday but for the remaining days, there was not enough support from PPC members, only a few were there.
  + Youth Group were doing the work throughout the night with very minimal support from PPC.
  + Resurrection Tomb was built by only 4-5 members and because of that it took long time - till the evening. If a few more would’ve joined, we could’ve finished within the first half of the day.
  + Though the Parish Priest had requested us to watch over the people receiving communion, not all the members were coming forward. Parish Priest had to call members individually to support.
  + PPC members are expected to come forward and be available on these occasions - your presence was really required.
  + Parish Priest had to run here and there during the preparations – if PPC members were there, it would’ve been helpful
* Other feedback
  + Parking wasn't planned - there was a congestion between Kannada and Tamil services. No one was there to guide the people to park in right places. We shall plan parking properly next time.
  + Baptisms were there during Vigil mass so it took 30-40 minutes extra and Baptisms cannot be avoided.
  + Way of the Cross – As the enactment was there, some people were rushing and hiding around. Suggestion was proposed to have regular Way of the Cross rather than enactment on Good Friday - enactment can be done on the previous week. It was decided to plan about it in a better way next time.
  + Suggestion was given to announce dress code as there were some people dressed up inappropriately.
  + We have bought 3 water drums - it should be used only for storing Holy water. It is to be announced so that they aren’t misused.

Parish Priest thanked everyone for the support though we had lack of participation here and there.

Family Census

* PPC Members to conclude all the family census data collection before mid of May. All the details to be submitted to the parish office by 15th May.
* Zones can be rearranged based on census reports. We should have only about 20 families in each zone so that they can be managed effectively.

Bishops’ Visit

* Bishops are visiting us on 14th and 15 of June, we need to plan the programmes accordingly
* We’re not sure about which Bishop or will that be more than one Bishops. Our Deanery in charge is Bishop Satheesh, so he may visit us.
* Bishop will have breakfast on 14th in our church and stay with us for 2 days. He will be visiting each councils and pious groups during the day.
* We are planning to get the new Sacristy blessed by the Bishops during their visit, hoping to complete the work before that.

Holy Week Account Update

* Parish Priest read out the list of sponsorships both materially and financially – please find the details in annexure.
* We’ve received Rs. 52,200 as donations for the Holy Week Programme.
* After all the materialistic sponsorships, the total expense was Rs. 45,443.
* Balance amount to be deposited to the Parish account.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

* We need to plan a grand pilgrimage for this Jubilee Year as advised by the universal church.
* It is a mandatory one, we should do it as per the advice from the Pope.

Easter Blessings

* Easter House Blessings have been completed for all the zones.
* All the missed out houses should approach the Zonal leaders to invite the Priests for blessing.
* A member raised concerns that the announcements were not made properly. Parish Priest Explained about the announcements during Tamil Vigil mass and in WhatsApp groups.
* Concerns were raised over timing of the Easter Blessings were not planned in the meeting. Parish Priest explained that Easter Blessings are expected to be in the following week of Easter, so members and families to be prepared.

Others

* A member suggested if the expense of LED TV can be taken up by the PPC members. No decisions were taken regarding that.
* Parish Priest insisted that the paper work for approaching the government is to be done at the earliest.
* We need to prepare the committee for approaching sponsors like INFANT’S travels owner as soon as possible.
* Generator – Suman and Benny are following up on it. It takes charges of dismantling and transporting it from Hyderabad. We’ll get a rough estimated of it soon.
* Expense for the Glass Gasket for Corpus Christi procession – Rs. 37250. Amount has been settled for it.
* Water problems – We’re running out of water for cleaning and for other usages at times. We should have a sump, it’s a need of the hour. We’ll check if the old sump can be restored or we need to build a new one.

Fr. Mariadhas Prem Rejoy

Parish Priest Secretary, PPC