

**St. Monica Facilitation Team**  
**May 16, 2018**

Attendance: Connie Chau, John Curran, Fr. Ray Fleming, Mary Fran Kolbuc, Meg Lute and Bob Passalugo (observer); Absent: Best Batchateu

Parishioner Bob Passalugo joined the group as an observer as part of the discernment process towards becoming a new Facilitation Team member. Bob attends the Saturday Mass and is a lector. He participated on a regular basis as a set-up volunteer for the Westside Farmers Market last year.

1. Approval of the 4/18/18 Facilitation Team meeting:

There was an error listing Father Ray Fleming as the pastor of *two* distinct parishes. In fact, he is the pastor of *three* separate parishes: 1) Emmanuel Church of the Deaf; 2) St. Monica and 3) Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget.

The proposal to accept the amended minutes was seconded and approved unanimously. The Minutes will be forwarded for posting on the parish website.

2. Father Ray's Updates:

- Serving as pastor for the three parishes is proceeding well. Fr. Ray just attended the Finance Council meeting for Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's. They are doing well financially as is the case for St. Monica Church.

3. Activity and Event Updates:

• **Parish Meeting:** The April Parish meeting focusing on *St. Monica 2020: Growing the Parish* went smoothly owing to the presentation organized by Bob Boyd. Attendance was among the highest for parish meetings. The efforts to grow the parish are based on "building blocks" dealing with Spiritual Growth; 2) Social Aspects of the Community; 3) Evangelizing; 4) Communication/Marketing; 5) Caring for Our Common Home (environmental) and 6) Living Our Mission Outside Our Church. Each of these areas was discussed by using examples covering September 2015 to the present. Growth has indeed taken place in these areas and it is significantly due to parishioner initiative and follow-through. Projects were kept simple manageable and affordable. Present further ideas to the Facilitation Team for processing. The parish meeting summary was posted in the narthex

• **Welcome Committee:** The photo directory process is underway with individualized photo sessions organized through July. Early photo sets are already distributed. Planning is underway for the Music Fest in July and the parish picnic in September.

• **Garden Project** at St. Monica involving the Rochester School for the Deaf. Fr. Ray will coordinate this with John Curran. Spreading wood chips in the garden would be the main task.

• **Active Shooter Response:** Fr. Ray, Carol Wynne and Mark Shevlin attended an

informative Diocesan meeting providing perspectives and practical responses. It must be pointed out that active shooter situations in worship settings account for only 2% of the deaths associated with this trend. Most situations occur in schools, businesses, government locations and entertainment venues. Examples of low-key responses were given. Further information will be shared with ushers, welcoming helpers and Buildings and Grounds Group members when available through the Diocese.

- **Adult Faith Formation:** *Hold for now.* Consider this in the context of programming for the fall.

- **Westside Farmers Market:** The eleventh year of Tuesday 4:00pm-7:00pm market programming at the St. Monica parking lot begins May 22nd with three successive weeks of plant sales. June 12th will start the sale of local produce with musical entertainment and the medical information “Walk with a Doc” series. R Community Bikes will return with free bike repairs. There will be improved outdoor electrical outlets available this year.

The meeting concluded with a prayer.

**Next Facilitation Team Meeting: June 20th at 6:00pm at the rectory.**