

**Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More**  
**SUMMARY of the Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**September 19, 2018**

**Present:** Father John Cayer, Michael Williams, Jeanne O’Kon, Mary Ballard, Mary Goble, Michele Taylor, Christa Calamas, Donald Thomas, Sue Steverson, Lauren Kubelka, Brother Rahl Bunsu, Dasha Nixon, Chaney Coggins, Michelle Harkness, Valeria Robinson, Silvia Alderman. **Absent:** Wayne Evans, Joy Smith.

**CSU Update:** Lauren Kubelka reported that CSU now maintains an e-mail list of 1,200 students. Over 300 students attended the first Spirit Night. “Crush Week” (Catholic Rush) events went well, with one event for men and one for women. The CSU theme this year is “*We are chosen by the spirit to love as free sons and daughters of the Father.*” CSU members focus on one’s relationship with Christ as the most important thing in life. St. Ignatius of Loyola is their patron saint. Brother Rahl commented that this school year has been the most fruitful year thus far of any he has experienced.

**Parish and Family Life:** Chaney Coggins reported that registration is taking place for Dave Ramsey’s *Financial Peace University* (FPU) through all social platforms. It will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00. There are still a few spots available at the 50% discount rate. The *Formed.org* online resource program is also being promoted, and many parishioners are using it. A new e-mail address for adult Faith Formation is now being used: [faith@co-cathedral.com](mailto:faith@co-cathedral.com)

**Education and Faith Formation:** *St. John Paul II CHS:* Dasha reported that Bishop Wack visited St. John Paul II CHS last week and celebrated Mass there. A new program is being utilized at the school called “Game Plan” that helps students determine which college is the best fit for them. A “Mass on the Grass” with Bishop Wack will be held on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 1:00.

**Administration:** *Construction projects update:* Dasha Nixon reported that the kitchen renovations are moving along. The estimate for the kitchen revision is just under \$200,000.00. This includes all the new equipment, counters, and ice machine. The permits have been pulled and the renovation will begin in early October.

**Rector’s Comments:** Father John reported on the spiritual practice of Ember Days. During the changing of the seasons in history, the Romans adopted the practice of penance and abstinence for four times a year for three days. Father John said Catholics can abstain and fast from food, social media, or whatever will allow a person to do penance and prayer. Many of the faithful practice this.

The Listening Session held last Tuesday was attended by almost 150 parishioners and resulted in much positive feedback. Father John said there was validation of many people’s feelings, and it gave parishioners an opportunity to communicate their emotions about the sexual abuse situation. The final question *Where do we go?* was addressed and many good ideas were discussed.

Father John mailed Stewardship letters to all parishioners. New parishioners are being encouraged to be part of the parish through Time, Talent, and Treasure. A card is being mailed to everyone to encourage parishioners to become an active part of the parish activities and ministries.

The Parish Picnic will be held on October 28. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Marisa Lewis is the chair of the planning committee, and Donald Thomas will play the music.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on **October 17 at 7:00 p.m.**