



St. Veronica's Pastoral Parish Council 2023 Report

Although mostly hidden, the Parish Pastoral Council (the "PPC") has been hard at work developing goals based on parishioner input from the last two Parish Assemblies.

Our Mission Statement has been crafted: *With Mary as our model & intercessor, St. Veronica Pastoral Parish Council is commissioned to make the world aware of Jesus and His message and to grow, strengthen and support our parish community.*

The ways in which the PPC has been working to achieve this goal is by concentrating on strengthening our existing groups, encouraging new groups and engaging additional volunteers to assist at whatever comfort level they like. The topics and goals raised at the Parish Assemblies were categorized as follows: Community, Evangelization and Service. We are seeking volunteers from our parish community to assist in strengthening existing ministries and organizing the ministries so that there will be ministry in every organization and organization in every ministry. The Parish Mission Statement was introduced and recited prayerfully for the first time at the end of the Parish Assembly on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, 2022.

The PPC is in the process of expanding objectives for each of the goals, creating a volunteer data base, assigning PPC facilitators to assist parishioners in organizing, formulating and achieving the goals and objectives and setting reasonable and realistic time frames for implementation of each goal and objective. The PPC has been engaging in parish outreach to facilitate and encourage volunteerism and to continue building on the dynamic spirit of collegiality demonstrated on October 4, 2022 by all present at the Parish Assembly.

Your parish family is calling everyone to a deeper engagement. It seems the world is in a malaise and the best

spiritual revitalization for every person individually and the parish as a whole is the gift of ones gifts to God and His people through volunteering. Some never realize that volunteering is in itself a form of prayer and can be a great Lenten sacrifice for the remission of our sins and the sins of the whole world. Every small act of charity makes a real difference. What you do here for others creates that spiritual ripple effect.

Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven".

Currently, we are experiencing a lack of participation and volunteerism in the parish. Please read the bulletin and listen to the announcements before Mass, there are a lot of wonderful Lenten programs being offered and most of all, prayerfully discern volunteering and offering whatever you can of your time, talent and treasure for yourself, your parish family and for the glory of God and His people.

Thank you all for your continued support.