

PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL
Diocese of San Diego
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Thursday, March 12, 2020
Diocesan Pastoral Center-Bishop's Conference Room

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. and opened with special prayer for Coronavirus

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Bishop McElroy, Bishop Dolan and Fathers: Bautista, Bosque, Brockhaus, Escalante, Herrera, Horning, Manahan, Masillamony, Minimo, Murphy, Nunez, Pham, Ratajczak, Ravenkamp, Zárate-Suárez

Absent: Escurel

Excused: Spahr

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda modified for discussion of Coronavirus issues

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 14, 2020 meeting

5.0 DEANERY REPORTS

5.1 Cathedral Deanery: No report

5.2 Escondido Deanery: No report

5.3 El Cajon Deanery: No report

5.4 El Centro Deanery: No report

5.5 Mission Deanery: The Mission Deanery met on February 25, 2020. Fr. Matt Spahr gave a report from the last Board of Deans meeting. Fr. Lauro Minimo gave a report from the last Presbyteral Council meeting. There was a proposal for a presentation on domestic violence. Priests in attendance were invited to promote Explorer Day in their respective parish assignments. The schedule of Lenten penance services was made available with mutual assistance offered to assure adequate coverage. Proposed deanery dates were approved by all in attendance.

5.6 Oceanside Deanery: John Prust of Family Life & Spirituality led discussion on Diocesan Youth Synod: risk of a parallel church for youth, communication between Young Adult Office and parishes, parishes share with Young Adult Office what is already being done. Board of Deans and Presbyteral Council reports. Scheduling of Lenten Penance Services completed.

5.7 South Bay Deanery: No report

6.0 BISHOP MCELROY

6.1 Bishop-Elect Ramon Bejarano: Bishop offered some biographical/personal information and comments on selection process.

6.2 Seminary Board: Members were asked for recommendations for 2 lay members of Seminary Board with expertise in the area of philanthropy. Current members already have expertise in finance.

6.3 Confession & COVID-19: Communal Penance Services cancelled immediately. Ordinary Confessions continue as usual. Some discussion of General Absolution.

Lengthy discussion giving priests opportunity for questions/input regarding Masses, Confessions, hospital ministry, religious education, Catholic schools, etc. during the present health emergency. Bishop will provide letter with spiritual guidance and practical guidelines for parishes and other diocesan institutions.

7.0 CAPS Investment (Shirley Pajanor) REMOVED from Agenda

8.0 Vocations Report (Fr. Lauro Minimo)

9.0 Young Adult Synod (Marioly Galvan) REMOVED from Agenda

10.0 Renting Schools (John Galvan) Bishop McElroy will work directly with pastor needing immediate decision in this matter. John Galvan will prepare a policy for future review regarding charter schools and non-Catholic religious schools renting parish facilities.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT at 12:00 p.m.

Next Meeting on Wednesday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m.