

Pastoral Council/Finance Council

Joint Meeting

March 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Opening Prayer – Fr. Bill – Feast of the Death of St. Benedict – Chapter 4 of the Rule states “Prefer nothing to the love of Christ”. Shared Romans – “all things work for good and are called for God’s purpose...” Offered intentions and concluded with the Lord’s Prayer.

Discussion of Ablaze: 5 Essential Paradigm Shifts for Parish Renewal – Lead by Kristin Bird

Open discussion of the challenges we are facing trying to shift from one paradigm with an eye to overcoming our cultural programming to do things that run counter to how our society and culture operates (transactional, consumerism, individualistic, etc.). How do we become intentional, encountering, mission based, people centered, and accountable. These are difficult for us.

Some suggestions included a creation of ways into bring the paradigm shifts to the parish as a whole. For example, a homily series, Facebook groups, small sharing groups. We can find ways for our committees to bring aspects of these changes forward.

We need to be patient as it takes a long time to change a culture.

After our discussion, members of both the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council completed the Cultural Snapshot Inventory. Results will be tabulated by Kristin Bird and the results will be shared with the pastoral leaders and used as a reference point for the process moving forward.

2023 Pastoral Council Nomination and Selection Timeline – the working timeline for the nomination and selection process for Pastoral Council was distributed. It begins on March 26th and concludes with selection of the new members on Pentecost Sunday.

Adjournment at 8:45 pm