



## **St. Pius X PPC Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2025**

**Attendees:** Fr. John Kelleher, Fr. Jim Mattaliano, Deacon Mike Hickey, Eleen Hawe, Mary Durham, Jean Kelly, Shanna Kelly, Bernadette Keane, Jim Clayton, Barbara Midura, Jack Curran, John Barry, Pedro Souza

**Absent:** Deacon Dick Zeich, Joanna Ryder

**Opening Prayer:** Shanna Kelly

**Minutes** – May 5, 2025, approved.

**Volunteer Appreciation Event:** Jean and Bernadette reported approximately 100 volunteers RSVP'd. An email blast will be sent as a reminder. Most of the planning is done and going smoothly.

### **Policy for use of PLC by outside groups:**

Bernadette Keane, emailed members regarding use of the PLC, including a power point (see attached), and reiterated this evening, based on the sub-committee meeting, it was clear there is no alignment on the use of the space for outside groups. The discussion by the sub-committee is attached in power point format. Fr. John noted the purpose was not to raise money. It is for our group and for some outside groups to be 'church focused.' No weddings. A lively discussion ensued, and Fr. Jim said it would be important for

the August 'calendar' meeting to take place where all the ministry groups will provide dates/times for their activities. The meeting is to take place August 11, 2025, at 5:30PM. He stated the use of PLC should be 'church driven.'

The process for renting was discussed. Fr. John stated the office staff would be called by the potential renter. They would be asked questions to see if this would be an appropriate rental. Fr. John will speak with Pedro also and final approval will be given by Fr. John. Before any contract is signed it always must go through the Diocese of Fall River's insurance person, Chris Barbo.

Fr. Jim also said there should be no marketing/advertising & nothing placed in the weekly bulletin.

Bernadette said the sub-committee would meet again to set guidelines such as who answers that the conditions of the contract are met (no alcohol), who would be responsible for checking the center before and after, secure the deposit, ensure the check or credit card cleared, etc. Suggestion was made to have it included in the contract, that the renter pays a person from the parish to check before and after an event.

#### **ICE UPDATE:**

Fr. John reported, as of now, agents have not gone into churches in the US. Specific individual warrant is needed. Under no circumstances should anyone 'touch' ice agents. Please review the attached letter that was emailed prior, from Fr. John after speaking with the Diocesan attorney, Michael W. Carroll. He will investigate the use of a safe room.

This letter will not be placed in the weekly bulletin. Steve Sozanski will be responsible for notifying all ushers.

**SCHOOL UPDATE:**

Fr. John reported that a letter was sent regarding the announcement of the new principal, Deacon Peter Schutzler.

**CAMPUS UPDATE:**

Signage: Jean Kelly reported it is in process.

PLC repairs: Pedro reported the repairs have been completed.

Solar Panel Work Update: Fr. John reported that regardless of prior delays in inspection, it did pass. It will be approximately one month for the final papers to be completed.

**Councilor's Concerns:** none reported.

**Pastor's Concerns:** none reported.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, August 25, 2025, at 5:30PM in the Religious Education Building library.

**Opening Prayer:** Jean Kelly

**Closing prayer tonight, June 2, 2025:** Fr. John

**Closing prayer for August 25, 2025:** Deacon Mike Hickey

## Use of the Parish Life Center (PLC)

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### Decisions to be made by PPC

- Are we in agreement that Parishioners can use the PLC for activities? (See Slide 3 discussion points)
- Are we in agreement that the PLC can be used by outside entities?
  - What is the driver for this consideration; eg Fellowship with other catholic communities only? Income stream? (See Slide 4 discussion points)

### Parishioner Use

#### • Inclusions/Exclusions:

- **Inclusions:** Ministry activities, parishioner group activities, collations after sacramental events at St. Pius, activities aligning with parish mission and catholic values; any other?
- **Exclusions:** Activities that do not align with St. Pius mission eg speaker event not in alignment with catholic values; any other?

### Outside Entity Use (if Answer is Yes)

#### • Inclusions/Exclusions

- **Inclusions:** eg outside community retreat events, blood drives, any other?
- **Exclusions:** Weddings, activities that do not align with St. Pius mission and/or catholic values, night-time events, any other?

### Contracting Process Logistics:

- Points to be addressed
  - Need a parish-based go-to contact person(s)
  - Assure request is in alignment with Inclusions/Exclusions, contract has been completed, date(s) secured, payment(s) secured, communication/co-ordination with contractor, monitor pre, during and post event to assure compliance with contract, follow up if damage occurs
  - Additional licenses ( eg liquor): exclusions for alcohol on premises?
  - Ability to secure a pre-paid refundable security deposit (credit card system or cleared check/cash)
  - Legal review of initial contract template(s)
  - When a contract is needed for both parishioner and outside group PLC use

### Example Contract Template Terms (minimally)

- Rental rates, including security deposit and payment terms
- Alcohol policy
- Hours of operation
- Building and grounds use terms
- Noise agreement
- Monitoring and Clean-up agreement
- Liability
- Severability
- Force Majeure
- Assignability of rights and obligations

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Dear Parish Staff, Council Members and Ushers,

After a recent Parish Council discussion about ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) policies, and an expressed concern about what we should do if ICE seeks to enter our church, I have consulted our diocesan lawyer, Michael W. Carroll about an appropriate response to this potential situation.

Mr. Carroll has given me permission to share some information about this with the people most likely to encounter ICE agents should they arrive, namely our Parish Staff, Council Members, Ushers and Deacons.

Earlier this year, in a confidential memo addressed to pastors and administrators of the diocese, the following information was provided which should not be spread beyond the group I am addressing here:

Back in January, President Trump signed an executive order ending the “sensitive locations” policy which placed restrictions on ICE arrests of people at churches, hospitals, or schools. So now, we must consider the following question:

**What To Do If ICE Appears At Your Parish Or School**  
ICE agents are law enforcement agents of the Federal Government, and they have the authority to make arrests.

However, the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution still applies to immigration enforcement actions on private property, meaning DHS officers and agents attempting enforcement in buildings owned by the Diocese of Fall River require one of the following:

1. Consent from an individual with authority over a place
2. A judicial warrant (a warrant signed by a judge); or
3. The presence of exigent circumstances (situations that require immediate action to prevent harm, the destruction of evidence, or the escape of a suspect – i.e., “hot pursuit”).

**It is the policy of the Diocese of Fall River, consistent with the Fourth Amendment, not to voluntarily consent to warrantless searches. However, Mr. Carroll emphasized that we are NEVER to touch an ICE agent who attempts to enter the church, even without our approval.**

I hope this memo is helpful should the unlikely scenario occur that ICE agents come to St. Pius X Church.