

Attendance: J. Andrychuk-Tedesco, E. Becker, Fr. T. Brown, D. Desmarais, T. Keach, S. Krowl, R. Layer, M. Mang, G. Marlett, D. O'Keefe, W. O' Keefe, J. Picone, A. Ross, Fr. C. Sanchez, Fr. R. Schrader, Sr. M. Vigna

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:07 PM.

November meeting minutes accepted with corrections.

Review of events Usher Workshop: well attended; ushers not present will be given information about content and an usher booklet. Follow-up medical emergency information is available from Sheriff's Department. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Mark's and St. John's: Peace of Christ well-represented. First Friday: publicity strategies discussed at Nov. meeting not yet in place. Advent Lessons and Carols: a beautiful program was presented; event drew a larger crowd than previously. Choirs, soloists and musicians commended for their hard work; Ladies Auxiliary thanked for reception and refreshments following the service.

Updates Christlife Program: members reminded that Liturgy and Adult Faith Formation Committees are hosting the Feb. 24 (Saturday) Retreat. Two videos on the topic of the Holy Spirit will be presented; a preview of these was scheduled for 7 PM on Thursday, Jan. 11 in the Parish Office Conference Room.

Reports ***Faith Formation***: First Penance on Dec. 9 at 10 AM at StA for 20 children and families. Rite of Welcoming for RCIA candidates that day at 4:30 PM Mass (StJ). Our four candidates are: Krista Patterson, Evelin Infante, Adrian Alvarado and Leuddy Alvarado, whose photos were distributed for posting at each worship site. Nativity Pageant will be presented by Family Faith Program families Dec. 16 at 10 AM at StJ. Confirmation Preparation Blessing and Prayer for candidates to take place Jan. 21 at 9 AM Mass (SJE) for those being confirmed Apr. 16 at the Cathedral. First Eucharist (scheduled for May 5) Rites of Blessing will be celebrated at each site in February.

Coming events Immaculate Conception: regular holyday schedule; SJN students will attend 12:10 Mass. Advent Penance Service: Dec. 23 at 11 AM, StA. Fourth Sunday Advent celebrated at 5 Masses; Christmas liturgy at 7 Masses: 4 PM each site; 11 PM(StA); Midnight(SJE). 8:30 AM(StJ) and 10:30 AM(StA). Holy Family (Dec.31): regular Sunday schedule. Mary Mother of God (Jan. 1) not a holyday of obligation; 7:45 AM Mass only. Jan. 5 Mass (St. John Neumann, at 12:15) to be attended by school students. Ecumenical Christian Unity Service at Laurelton Presbyterian changed to Jan. 23 because of conflict with Christlife on Jan. 24.

Discussion Holy Thursday/Good Friday schedule to be as follows: Mass of Lord's Supper Mar.29, 7 PM at SJE; transfer of Eucharist to StJ afterward, with night prayer at 10:30 PM. Good Friday (Mar.30) will include: Stations of Cross at Noon; silent prayer 1-2 PM; Solemn Liturgy, 2 PM; Seven Last Words at 8 PM (all at StJ). Final setup for Last Words to take place following afternoon liturgy. Reminder: when chairs are removed from chapel at StA, they must be replaced for celebration of weekday Masses.

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:12 PM. ***Next meeting: Jan. 2, 2018. Prayer: Terry***
Future meetings: Feb. 6—Grace; March 6—Dave; May 1—Melissa.