

# Outreach Working Group

## Minutes

March 1, 2019

**Co-chairs:** Fr. Bruno D'Souza & Jean Bowler

**Attendees:** Fr. Phil Paxton, Jean Bowler, Fr. Bruno D'Souza, Janet Selinske, Anne Kemp, Christopher Pinto, Sandra Arnould, Fr. Clemente Barrón, Fr. Cedric Pisegna, and Fr. Joe Mitchell.

1. Fr. Bruno opened the meeting with the prayer from the Lectionary in honor of the Solemnity of the Commemoration of the Passion.
2. The Minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by the group.
3. **Update from the Visioning Committee (Fr. Phil):**
  - The Visioning Commission will be sending out guidelines for the local Community gathering that are supposed to be schedule for late March-early April.
4. **Open Forum:**
  - a. Conversation around the "Signs of the time."
    - i. Basis of our outreach: People are hurting, and we want to reach out.
    - ii. Our society seems to be struggling with the "other." How do we relate to those considered to be the "other?" There seems to be varied responses to the reality.
    - iii. Who's going to be doing the mission considering the resources of the Province? What does that look like?
    - iv. In many ways the signs of the time are obvious: sexual abuse crisis, racial discrimination, changing demographics of communities that affect the church, inability to reach out to the younger generation with our current ways of communicating, environmental crisis, etc. Are we trying to name them or revisit them and find effective ways to respond to them?
    - v. The Chapter need to say something about these issues – may be a statement addressing especially, the issue of environmental crisis and racial discrimination.
    - vi. Reading the 'Signs of the time' is being relevant. Being relevant in our preaching.
    - vii. Young people like to see what's beautiful in the Church and honoring it.
    - viii. What kind of world and Church are we leaving for the younger people? In as much as we look to reach out, sometimes we need to reach inwards (In-reach).
  - b. Conversation around the Survey
    - It was suggested that we include a question around the signs of the time.
    - The co-chairs would re-work on the survey questions based on the feedback and send it to the group members.
  - c. It was suggested that we keep working on proposals and take the conversation around the proposals in our next meeting.
5. **Next Meeting: March 21, at 10:00 A.M. (PT), 2:00 P.M. (ET)**
6. The meeting ended with closing prayer by Fr. Bruno