

**Parish Council of St. Olav Catholic Cathedral Parish, Trondheim**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting 4 June 2020**

Present:

F. Egil Mogstad  
F. Slawomir Czuba  
F. Marcos Pablo Banzon Delos Trino  
Isabel Bjørnås  
Marc Dhainaut  
Thor-Erik Forsmark  
Knut Einar Larsen

Absence:

Seraphina Habarurema  
Daniel Szklennik  
Beata Turek

The meeting was chaired by F. Slawomir as acting parish priest.

**Item 03/20 Summary of experiences from admission control and measures to prevent infection after the authorities permitted masses with up to 50 attendees.**

F. Slawomir presented detailed statistics over mass attendance during weekend masses (Saturdays and Sundays). During the three weekends 27 masses were held with a total of 938 attendees participating in the masses.

The system for registration of the attendees is well in place because both the Parish secretary and F. Slawomir have administrator rights in the digital mass attendance registration system. On weekdays F. Slawomir has manually registered mass attendees who were unable to do this themselves.

The council discussed possible measures which would be required if the authorities opened up for larger mass attendance after 15 June.

The possibility to encourage the national groups to assist in the infection prevention measures (cleaning of surfaces etc.) after the 11 o'clock masses on Sundays was also discussed.

F. Slawomir informed that it had been unproblematic to find volunteers to assist in the guidance of the attendees during the Sunday masses.

The Council agreed that the readers again could take part during the masses. The texts to be read should be printed out on separate documents and given to the readers in advance of the mass.

#### **Item 04/20 The use of the assembly hall (“The Atrium”) after the Authorities’ Reduced Requirements to Infection Prevention Measures.**

To prevent mass attendees to stay in the Atrium after masses the Parish Council advises to keep status quo concerning the use of the Atrium until further, that is: The Atrium is not open to the mass attendees.

The cleaning staff sanitizes all surfaces in the Atrium every day except Sundays.

#### **Item 05/20 Paving or other Measures in Front of the Main Entrance of the Church (to Prevent that Sand, Gravel, etc. is Brought Inside)**

F. Slawomir informed that the cleaning staff had pointed out this problem and that sand, gravel, etc. destroyed the flooring of the church. F. Egil informed that the Diocese already is in the process of preparing plans for the improvement of the area in front of the church, including paving. There is a grating in front of the church door. This, however, does not help to prevent sand and gravel from getting dragged into the church. A temporary solution could be a mat in the porch, cleaned at frequent intervals.

#### **Item 06/20 Voluntary Work for Clearing up the Area around the Church.**

The tender for the rebuilding of the old Assembly Hall (at the rear of the present church) is under way. In advance, the area around the building must be tidied up. The caretaker will be given the task to bring refuse to the municipal depository. The Voluntary Workday is scheduled for Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 hrs. The Parish Priest will announce the event at Masses and on the Parish website.

#### **Item 07/20 Prayers for Priestly Vocations. How May we Organize Such Prayers in Our Parish?**

It is a tradition in the Roman Catholic Church to pray for priestly vocations on the first Thursday of each month. This tradition will now be reestablished in our parish. Prayers for priestly vocations will take place in connection with the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Parish Council encourages all the believers to pray for priestly vocations even if one is not able to participate in the Thursday masses. In “Bønnebok for den katolske kirke” there are prayers for this purpose in the Norwegian language. Suitable prayers for the purpose in the English language may be found on the Internet. The Parish Council secretary will write a short article on the parish website on the matter.

#### **AOB**

Regarding Confirmations: The Bishop has decided that parish priests may be in charge of the confirmation in their parishes, except in the Cathedral parishes where the Bishop himself will

be in charge. The confirmations will be held in the autumn. In our parish there are 35 confirmands. An average of 10 guests per confirmand is expected. Regarding the current measures to prevent infections it will not be possible to organize the confirmation for all the confirmands at the same time. Therefore, it is not yet quite clear what the approach will be to the coming confirmations in our parish. We have, in addition, the same challenge concerning the first communion children. F. Egil hopes that we may be allowed to proceed as the other churches in the diocese so that the confirmations can be held over several masses.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1 July 2020 at 19:00 hrs. The main theme of the meeting will be our contribution as the local organizer to the work of the Olsok-commission.**

Egil Mogstad  
Sign.

Isabel Bjørnås  
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Marc Dhainaut  
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Knut Einar Larsen  
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