

Parish Meeting - St. Joseph, Vancouver
September 30, 2018
2:00pm – 3:30pm

3:30pm Notes in Response to: Other

1. Sell Church hierarchy's extravagant homes/retirement homes. Give money to poor. Live in humility.
2. What part of our contributions/appeals goes to pay for clergy sex abuse?
3. Thank you for the steps you are taking. Hopeful there will be more progress going forward.
4. We need to start thinking of women in priestly roles. This has been a male – patristic organization.
5. Rome does not seem to be as concerned as we are. The February meeting was done 15 years ago by the Dallas "Protocal." What about the bishops and cardinals who knew about McKerrick?
6. We need a process for involving laity more in addressing issues affecting the Church at all levels. Laity needs to be much more involved in advisory and review functions.
7. Please be transparent about where the Parish offerings are going. My family has wondered if the money (or even a portion) goes to lawyers and pay-offs. Could you put together a graph/iconograph of how money is disbursed?
8. Parents to children: **STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND SPEAK OUT!**
9. Concern for new Catholics; preventing them and others from leaving the Church.
10. "God Created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them."
Genesis 1:27. Women are created in the likeness and image of God. Women are equally loving and faith-filled (if not more so☺) than men. Women can lead, evangelize, preach, offer sacraments, and celebrate the Eucharist. Women can be celibate, if that is the requirement for priests. It is time for a serious discussion for this change.

11. Need to articulate the current process of safe environment in the diocese currently. Such as: Safe Environment Class required, background checks, review board at Diocese and National level – dual investigation when accusation is made (by church; by civil authority).
12. Have great concern for the hierarchy of the upper Church in Rome.
13. The Universal Church must adopt some guideline like the Dallas Charter to ensure transparency and specific actions to address the problem of sexual assault and cover-up.
14. Safe Environment Program – I would like to see all volunteers go through the program and background checks given. No exceptions made. All parish members could/should have a “safe” program. We all take responsibility in keeping children and the vulnerable safe.
15. Is our Parish using best recent practices to prevent abuse of most vulnerable and to protect clergy and workers, to include volunteers? Background check is not enough (person may leave one organization under less than honorable circumstances, but no bad record.) Monitor of computers, 2 people present, and cameras in some rooms.
16. All volunteers need to go through the Safe Environment Program not only the ones who are around children.
17. We don't want our tithing to go towards legal representation for the abusers. We believe the abusers should go to jail. The nuns should be more integrated /visible in the Church. There should be an extensive background check prior to someone's Ordination.
18. Need more women in positions of authority in the Church including women priests and allowing priests to marry.
19. How is our giving, offering, tithes being used for litigation of sex abuse?
20. What else is Church Leadership lying to us about? Covering up?
21. We need to re-think sex education in Catholic schools. Children/Adolescents need to know about their bodies, how they work, consent, pregnancy, etc. The abstinence-only model is not working!