

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES --- **Tuesday, March 22, 2011** 6:30 PM

Notes taken by Jean Gibbons

PRESENT: Ryan Lawler, Steve Winandy, Eric McKinnon, Father Fred, Jeremy Carter, Mary Jane Flament-Garcia, Mary Ann Gilray, Jeanne Hamilton, Jean Gibbons, Bill Buholzer, Dennis Brown

ABSENT : Paul Fiascone

GUESTS: Lisa Filip, Rolando (Rollie) Canlas, Anthony Andaleon, Tom Morrill, Hannah O'Brien, Valerie Rapp.
(prospective PPC members)

Opening Prayer and Reflection

Commission Meeting

- Date has been set for leaders of all ministries to meet - April 4, 6:30-8:00 PM, Dyer Hall
- Invitation has been extended via the church bulletin and using e-mails currently available
- Fr. Fred encourages all PPC members to attend
- Agenda will include updates on various parish projects/activities in progress or being planned
- Volunteers are needed to greet/distribute name tags; to assist in collection of accurate contact info for ministry leaders; assist with hospitality
- Participants will be asked to complete an evaluation of the meeting
- This initial meeting should not be primarily focused on the commission structure.

Changes to the Order of the Mass

- At the start of the Advent season this year a new, more literal translation of the Roman missal will replace the one currently in use. Most of the changes will be in the parts of the mass handled by the priests, but some of the prayers for the congregation will be slightly different. These changes will apply only to English translations.
- Hope to use this change as an opportunity to re-catechize parishioners on all aspects of the mass.
- Plan/timeline has been developed by staff to begin informing parishioners about the upcoming changes (starting this May with the major push being Sept -Nov).

St. Pat Response to crisis in Japan

- Will provide contact info for Catholic Relief Services in the bulletin for those interested/able to contribute financially. It was suggested that having a special collection for this particular disaster may seem unfair since the same was not done for other disasters.
- May also provide suggestions for other actions people can take on a year-round basis to assist with future disasters (i.e. blood donations; prayer, etc)
- Agreed that different methods of prayer would be most appropriate. Some ideas included: offering prayer cards in baskets, dedicating specific adoration days to groups effected by disaster; attending Taize prayer gatherings, mentioning disaster areas/victims in mass intentions, moments of silence with school/SRE classes, etc.
- Disaster response would be a good topic of consideration among the ministries in the Human Concerns Commission

Process for new ministries

- A list of ministries sorted into the 4 commission areas was provided.
- The process for determining which new ministries should be started will be discussed at a future meeting

Parish Mission

- Turnout was excellent and feedback has been positive from parishioners and the Sparrough family
- Mission proved to be satisfactory for all ages. Would be good to have more activities like this for the parish in the future

Discernment regarding New PPC members

- All interviews have been completed and summaries of all candidates have been provided.
- PPC member will discuss and make decisions about candidates at the April meeting.
- June is the final meeting of the current year Council. New PPC members should attend that meeting.

Other Business

- There is a strong candidate currently being considered as an Associate Pastor for St.Pat's. A day has been set for staff and parish leadership to have the opportunity to meet this candidate – Thursday April 7. Different groups will meet him at different times – PPC & Finance Council members will gather at 7 PM. Final decisions should be made by the end of April.
- Bill Gibbons will be ordained as a deacon on May 15 at Holy Name Cathedral. His Mass of Thanksgiving will be the following weekend at St. Pat's, May 22, 10:30. A reception will be provided in the Boehm Center immediately following the mass on the 22nd.
- Mary Ann and Steve attended the Leadership Conference in Chicago on 2/26. They will share feedback at a future meeting.
- Will discuss ideas for the 100 year celebration of the Old Church at a future meeting. Cardinal is currently scheduled to celebrate mass on August 26, 2012.
- Easter masses: vigil at 8 PM on Sat the 23rd. On Sunday the 24th: 7 AM in NC; 8:30 & 10:30 in both OC and NC; 12:30 in NC. There will be NO 6 PM mass on Easter Sunday.
- The new ministry: *Sword of the Spirit* is focused on intercessory prayer. PPC members were encouraged to review info provided at the meeting and also look on the website for more information.
- Stewardship as a way of life is being considered by the Finance Council. They will share their recommendations at a future date.
- Ticket sales for the raffle are going well
- Currently there are about 12 prospects for the position of Business Manager for the parish

Next meeting date April 12, 6:30. Room 3.