

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES --- Wednesday, November 17, 2010 6:30 PM  
Notes taken by Jean Gibbons and Steve Winandy

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

### Opening Prayer and Reflection

Monthly meeting dates through June have been scheduled – all on Wednesdays from 630-8p:

- Dec. 15
- Jan. 19
- Feb. 16
- March 23
- April 13
- May 11
- June 15

### Catholics Come Home

- Jeremy reported that new Catholics Come Home ads will appear beginning Dec 16 and will run into January. They will be aired on fewer networks than last year.
- Jeremy stressed the importance of ramping up evangelization efforts in the parish. He will be talking at all masses on the weekend of Dec 4/5 on this topic and plans to show a video of the new ads at masses the weekend of Dec.11/12.
- Other ideas for this effort included:
  - Asking all parishioners to submit names of people they could personally invite to church;
  - Provide parishioners with simple examples of how they can evangelize;
  - Having students/parents deliver door hangers in their neighborhoods with info about mass times, etc. (could be promoted through SRE or school)
  - Develop a Greeters Ministry (perhaps the Council members participate more actively in welcoming efforts);
  - Include a calendar of church activities in the Christmas bulletin to maximize the number of people who could get the information.
- A couple of ideas were also shared about how to enhance our holy days masses (i.e. have kids dressed as Mary & Joseph carry a baby to the crib at Christmas masses and/or have 3 people dressed as the 3 Kings at Epiphany masses).

### Parish Council Diocesan handbook

- Father Fred distributed copies of the archdiocese's handbook describing the official role of a parish pastoral council
- We will work through this book over the course of the year
- Homework before the December 15 meeting
  - Read through page 6 and come prepared to discuss as a team

### Charismatic Prayer Group

- Father Fred was approached to endorse sending someone to an upcoming retreat.
- The council shared their personal experiences with charismatic prayer.
- Mary Ann is going to invite the council members to an upcoming prayer meeting
- The council voted unanimously that this is something we should support
- We need to send someone from the staff to attend with our parishioners – Bernie will be attending

### Communications team

- Paul presented an update on his call to find parishioners to help with parish-wide communications

- He received only two replies
- It was recommended that he reach out to Lisa Filip and Jay Sokolovsky as possible candidates

#### New members for Parish Council

- We discussed that there are many members of the current staff who will roll off at the end of this year.
- We agreed that we will post a memo in an upcoming bulletin asking interested people to come forward.
- Mary Ann and Jean Gibbons will meet with each person and bring forward nominations for the entire group to review.
- There are already 3-4 people who have expressed interest. Current PPC members will make sure they see and respond to the bulletin note.
  - Jim (Paul)
  - Lisa (Jeremy)
  - Rolando (Jeremy)
  - Mike K (Eric)

#### Commissions

- Ryan Lawler passed out overviews for each of the four main ministries.
- The council members agreed to read all four handouts and reflect on the ministries' goals to determine if there is an interest to be involved in that ministry.
- Each ministry will be assigned a couple PPM members at the December meeting