

Pastoral Council

November 16, 2005

PRESENT: Mark Albert, Anita Bechtold, Brenda Del Favero, Joan Dempsey, Fr. Goebel, Pat Mooney, Danny Otero

ABSENT: Sue Tebbe

RECORDER: Mark Albert

PRAYER: Reflection on Gospel for Christ the King

DECISIONS: No Pastoral Council Meeting in December

MAINTENANCE: Page 57 of *Go and Make Disciples*. Goal II. A goal of discipleship is to create a welcoming spirit in Catholic homes, parishes and institutions. We can become a more welcoming parish by seeking out and greeting those around us in the pews that we do not know well.

DISCUSSION: Merits of creating a new chapel of reservation for the Blessed Sacrament that is more visible and conducive to private prayer and adoration.

REPORTS: Fr. Goebel reported the following:

- Temporary music director has been contracted for the holidays. Search for a permanent hire continues.
- Schedule of Masses for Christmas and New Years holydays established (no midnight Mass on Christmas Eve).
- Phase 2 of One Faith, One Lord, One Love campaign completed. Phase 3 (phone marathon) to begin.

NEXT MEETING: January 18, 2016

Faith Formation Commission

October 29, 2015

PRESENT: Ying Boissy, Doe D'Angelo, Carol Gabis, Marianne Hartkemeyer, John Mercado, John Meyer, Claire Tenhundfeld

RECORDER: Carol Gabis

TIME KEEPER: John Meyer

PRAYER: Led by John Meyer

MAINTENANCE: Reviewed the 6 Dimensions of Faith Formation. Needs discussed:

- Refresher on Scriptures
- How to buy a Bible
- Have people kept up with Church teaching?
- Meaning of Baptism in the Catholic Church
- How do we attract young people?
- How can we connect faith to our life?
- Market things we already have
- Do book reviews
- Church teaching on current events
- Knowledge of Church History

DISCUSSION: Should we write a Christmas message from the parish to include in Christmas gifts for St. Vincent DePaul clients? Decided to let St. Vincent members take care of this.

Advent Christmas program ideas:

- Have a family light Advent wreath at Mass
- Wait until after Christmas for any organized program

Ministries for Confirmandi:

- Claire explained the current understanding of the theology of Confirmation
- Explain to Confirmandi the various options for ministry in the parish
- Do we have a contact with LaSalle to show options for ministry – especially after Kairos retreat

Claire reported we have 494 registered households at LF and 208 of them live within parish boundaries/ Program entitled "The Bible, Fundamentalism and the Catholic Church" will be held on November 7 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: November 19, December 17, January 21.

Faith Formation Commission

November 19, 2015

PRESENT: Ying Boissy, Deb Cook, Joe D'Angelo, Carol Gabis, Marianne Hartkemeyer, Claire Tenhundfeld

ABSENT: John Mercado, John Meyer

RECORDER: Joe D'Angelo

TIME KEEPER: Marianne Hartkemeyer

PRAYER: Ying Boissy

MAINTENANCE: *Applied Approaches for Adult Faith Formation* from OHWB to LF Parish

- Need more people involved in parish programs. Maybe surveys would help define discussion groups people are interested in and encourage more participation.
- Currently a small Bible study group in parish
- Show DVD or present Catholic book with discussion afterwards.
- Think about best ways to use parish web site for faith formation. Carol mentioned that there are Catholic apps available for individual learning.

DISCUSSION:

- **Christmas Season event:** Sunday January 10, 2016, 10:00. Think about tradition and meaning of day.
- **Partnering with Peace and Justice Commission.** In election year, P&J Commission may need extra help. We should be informed of Church teaching on social issues in order to make our own decisions on getting involved. Community hunger is always an important issue.
- **Looking ahead to Lent.** Lenten programs last year were well attended. Black Lenten books were used by some. Perhaps consider a later time for Holy Thursday Mass if we wish to have an event preceding that.
- **Parent of Non-practicing adult Children** Need to have faith and realize that adult children are searching for answers. Also need to look at what the Church is doing to drive people away and clarify inaccurate information that is out there about the Church.

REPORTS:

- **Fundamentalism Workshop** Claire thanked everyone who was able to attend this worthwhile workshop.
- **Advent Flier** Claire passed out a bulletin insert for the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 20. It has information on an Advent calendar, Second Vatican Council 50th Anniversary, Year of Mercy, lectionary readings for Advent, Christmas Giving Wreaths, and a Reconciliation service.
- **RCIA Status** Two adults and two teens are currently enrolled in RCIA at LF. They began in September and will go through Easter. Important for candidates to have good instruction. We spoke briefly about Catholic teaching on the Eucharist.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 17, 2015 Recorder is Marianne Hartkemeyer. Prayer Leader is Deb Cook

Peace and Justice Commission

November 16, 2015

PRESENT: Marianne Boyd, Kathy Hays, Marian Kaiser, Jodi Knollman, Debbie Otero, Claire Tenhundfeld, Don Weinkam

ABSENT: Scott Middendorf

RECORDER: Kathy Hays

TIME KEEPER: Debbie Otero

MAINTENANCE: Discussion regarding New York Bishops' Statement that marriage and the family are the basic units of society and if this leads to feelings of exclusion among those that are not married.

Discussion on ability for parents to choose type of education for their children even when they cannot afford the tuition. Noted that there is more tuition assistance than there was in past and no longer do you have to be Catholic to attend Catholic schools.

DECISIONS: Fliers Commission places in parish bulletin will be on beige/wheat colored paper.

Future meetings will be on second Monday of each month beginning in January. Due to Christmas holiday, December meeting will be on December 7, 201 at 7:00 p.m.

Will have a program in January or February on Hunger in Ohio with Scott Stephens from Catholic Charities.

We will try to invite someone from Bread for the World to set up a table and talk with parishioners.

DISCUSSION: Discussed topics for educational programs we would like to offer to parishioners. Wish to start with less controversial topics at first.

REPORTS: Don reported that there are a few parishioners who participate in prison ministry by collecting bibles and donating them to prison chaplains.