

Pastoral Council Meeting  
July 23, 2008

Present:

Father Barr  
Liz Coyle  
Ed Longo  
Dave Surber  
Gail Rivera

Donna Wardrup  
Bill Price  
Bill Stehle  
Tom Cosgrove

Pat Mutschler  
Colleen McGraw  
Loretta Haring  
Kathy Elder

Absent:

Pam Lemanski  
Molly Brady  
Dan Palumbo

Steve Sabo  
Ruth Milano

Tessie Ballard  
Kaitlin Miller

Meeting called to order by Tom Cosgrove at 7:05pm.

Opening prayer led by Tom Cosgrove in absence of Steve Sabo.

Tom Cosgrove thanked everyone for their vote of confidence in being elected Chairperson of the Pastoral Council. Tom introduced a new idea called TIR (topic, issue, recommendation). He asked the council members that if there is a topic that their ministry needs Council support with to please use this format.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Discussed minutes. No changes were made. Motion to approve minutes of the June meeting made by Loretta Haring. Seconded by Ed Longo. Motion approved unanimously.

**Pastor's Report:** Father Barr added to his report that he is working to set up a lunch with the pastors of All Hallows and Davidsonville United Methodist Church to welcome the new pastor at Union Memorial United Methodist Church. A date has not yet been determined.

**Old Business:**

**Building Expansion:** Father Barr reported that he will be meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss paint colors, light fixtures, and energy efficient items. The Building Committee will also be meeting in August to receive bids from contractors. The Archdiocese of Baltimore has a list of 25 contractors of which we chose seven. General contractors and site managers will also be

interviewed. Bids will be for the religious education wing and social hall and for the administration wing. A company should be hired by September. Father Barr would like to invite Archbishop O'Brien to come to do a dedication at the groundbreaking. Father Barr suggested that children in religious education and those involved in ministries write a prayer on flagstone. This will be incorporated in the foundation of the new wing.

Bill Stehle reported that we have received feedback from the plan review process. One comment dealt with imposing a sprinkler system in the sanctuary. This is a very expensive process.

Plans are being processed quickly. Projecting that construction will be the end of September, 2008.

**Development/Fund Raising:** Father Barr reported that we have received 141 pledges totaling \$3.3 million. From those pledges we have received \$1,090,000.00 in cash. Father Barr will send a letter to Archbishop O'Brien with the updated information on our expansion. Vernon Pizzi and Roy Kilby, co-chairs of the Capital Campaign, will speak at all Masses the weekend of October 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> to give the parish an update.

**Cluster Plan Update:** A letter from Fr. Barr, Fr. Cosgrove, and Fr. Logue will be inserted into the bulletin the weekend of July 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> explaining where we are in the cluster process. Colleen McGraw, representative on the cluster team from the Council, reported that the first meeting was held on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Colleen also reported that there is one rep from the staffs, Councils, from the three parishes (This was a change. Originally two representatives were going to attend). The pastors and deacons were also present. The next meeting will be held the end of August. Father Barr asked the Council members to support Colleen and give her their thoughts and ideas as the cluster process moves forward. The final cluster plan with recommendations will be submitted to Bishop Rozanski.

**Youth Ministry Planning Update:** No representative from Youth Ministry was present at the meeting. Reviewed Youth Ministry report. It was suggested that Ben Lorenz, new youth minister, be invited to a future council meeting (possibly September/October) to update the Council on his plans for the future of youth ministry at Holy Family.

**Religious Education Update:** Planning for the future of Religious Education during construction is a priority for the Council. It was determined that we will not use an off-site facility to hold classes. We will continue with classes here at Holy Family for the 2008-2009 year. Sharon Graham will work with Dan Palumbo to have catechists speak at all Masses the weekend of August 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. All new catechists will need STAND training.

**Belonging Leads to Believing:** Father Barr reported that this group is taking a hiatus during the summer and will resume their efforts in the fall. Three neighborhoods have been set up as a “test cell.” It was suggested we invite the group to the October Council meeting to give an update.

**Cluster/Parish Picnic Update:** Kathy Elder reported that traditionally the picnic is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee and the Council. She asked the Council members to please email her if they will be able to help with clean up. Help is also needed to supervise activities and to welcome parishioners. Camp Barrett will open at 10am. Mass will be at 11:30am. Hope to have between 800 and 1,000 people in attendance. Kathy also asked the Council to think about how we can tie everything together at the close of the picnic. Some suggestions were to have a blessing of families, someone giving a speech, singing. Kathy is scheduled to speak at all Masses the weekend of August 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. The picnic is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ministry Reports:**

**Fellowship:** Loretta Haring reported that they are continuing to work on the picnic.

**Adult Enrichment:** Liz Coyle reported that the Adult Enrichment Committee did not meet this month. However, they are doing a collection of non-perishable items for Sarah’s House. Social Justice will also have a collection for the Women’s Prison in August.

**Finance:** Pat Mutschler will be replacing Don Rakoskie on the Council for the next few months. The Finance Committee has concerns with the operating expenses. Collections are down. The regular collection funds the operating expenses. They are concerned about the increased costs when the

new facility is opened. Use of HVAC, electrical costs, and water treatment fees will probably start to incur in August of 2009. To cut down use of HVAC and electricity, the new facility will be sectionalized. The square footage of the new facility will be approximately 12,000 feet. We are also looking into purchasing high efficiency items.

**New Business:** Reviewed the three to five year priorities the Council set at their March 2008 retreat. Council members were asked to focus their attention on the priorities and how they can become engaged.

1. Evangelization – “Belonging Leads to Believing” group is working with three neighborhoods as a “test cell.” Members of this group will be invited to the October meeting.
2. Social Justice – Kathy Duffy is currently leading this ministry. Council discussed how we can reach out to the Hispanic community as there is a growing number in the Edgewater area.
3. Facility Usage – Bill Price has spoken with Matt Regan, Division of Facilities Management with the Archdiocese, and other parishes regarding usage of the new facility. Bill will draft a usage contract. He will then meet with Father Barr to review policy.
4. Vocations – Liz Coyle has been recommended to promote vocations in the parish. Father Barr received a gift of an Elijah Cup. It is a chalice. The chalice will be used at Mass and then a family will be asked to take the cup home for a week and pray for vocations.

**Next Council Meeting:** It was decided that the August Council meeting would be cancelled. **The next meeting will be held September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Tom informed the Council that he will try to get the agenda out three to four days ahead of the meeting. If Council has items to be added, he asked that the member email him the item.

**Donation: None**

**Closing Prayer:** Father Barr

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm.**

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Wardrup  
July 25, 2008