

Pastoral Council Meeting  
October 22, 2008

Present:

Father Barr	Donna Wardrup	Pat Mutschler (Finance)
Liz Coyle (Adult Enrich)	Bill Price	Colleen McGraw
Ed Longo	Kathy Elder	Kaitlin Miller (Youth)
Gail Rivera	Tom Cosgrove	Tessie Ballard
Loretta Haring (Fellowship)	Ruth Milano (Liturgy)	Dan Palulmbo (Rel. Ed.)
Pam Lemanski (Adult Youth Rep.)		

Absent:

Bill Stehle (Building Com.) Dave Surber

Meeting called to order by Molly Brady at 7:02pm.

Opening prayer led by Gail Rivera.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Reviewed minutes from the September 17, 2008 meeting. No changes were made. Motion to approve made by Colleen McGraw. Seconded by Kaitlin Miller. Motion approved unanimously.

**Pastor's Report:** There were no questions from Council members regarding Father Barr's report.

**Old Business:**

**Building Expansion Update:**

**Development Fundraising Effort Update:** Father Barr reported we currently have 158 pledges totaling \$3,386,000. From those pledges, we have received \$1,179,000. The weekend of October 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> the co-chairs of the Capital Campaign, Vernon Pizzi and Roy Kilby, spoke at the Masses. From the in-pew appeal we received \$32,200 in pledges. The weekend of October 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> members of the Finance Committee will give a State of the Parish report. Council members discussed having Mr. Pizzi and Mr. Kilby speak again in November due to the success of the first appeal.

**Cluster Plan Update:** Colleen McGraw informed the Council that the third meeting was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Two major topics were discussed. The cluster team reviewed the goals and objectives of the group and each parish gave a briefing on the culture of their parish and the demographics. This meeting also gave the members a chance to get to know

each other. A representative from the North County Cluster will be at the meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to talk about their process and what they went through.

**Youth Ministry Planning Update:** Kaitlin Miller reviewed with the Council the youth report. The retreat was an overwhelming success. The Youth Mass will be held in the Church on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am. There will be designated areas for them to sit.

**Religious Education Update for Fall 2008:** Dan Palumbo reported that we currently have 570 children enrolled in Religious Education. That is up from where we were at this time last year. We have teachers for almost all classes. Dan had a conversation with Ben Lorenz, Youth Minister, about speaking with his ninth grade class as well as Jerry Evans' ninth grade class encouraging them to participate in the high school youth group.

**Parish Vocations: Elijah Cup Update:** Liz Coyle reported that this ministry began the weekend of October 4<sup>th</sup>. Three families have participated. It has created awareness for vocations. The program is running smoothly so far.

**Ministry Reports:** Father Barr asked Liz to check on two events mentioned in her Adult Enrichment report as they may be in competition with each other.

**Fellowship:** Loretta Haring made a correction on her report. Confirmation dinner is October 24<sup>th</sup> not the 23<sup>rd</sup> as written.

**Liturgy:** Liturgy Committee held their first Input Committee Meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. One item that came up was the return of the Class Mass for Religious Education. Group was not sure why this has stopped. Youth members of the Committee volunteered to help train the children who would lector. Dan Palumbo will approach Sharon about bringing this back.

**Topic-Issue-Recommendation (TIR):** Parish Mission. Kathy Elder submitted a TIR and asked for the Council members help with the upcoming mission. The last two years we have conducted a phone tree. This was well accepted by those who were called. We need four or five people each night to get the calls done. Review the dates and let Kathy know when you are available to help. Caller ID confirms the calls come from Holy Family. There will be a script. Loretta Haring said she had just made calls for the

New Parishioner Welcome dinner. She did leave several messages but most called her back. Molly Brady suggested that the youth group members get involved to help make the calls. Kathy Elder also informed the Council that Fr. Leo Patalinghug, Mission host, will be on Fox 5 at 11am on November 13<sup>th</sup>. His website is [gracebeforemeals.com](http://gracebeforemeals.com) if anyone would like to check it out.

### **New Business:**

**School of the Incarnation (SOTI) Outreach:** Dr. Barbara Edmondson, Principal of SOTI, and Dan Collins, SOTI board member were present. Doug Winker, President of the SOTI Board, was unable to attend. They asked to speak to the Council members about the School and their goals. Dr. Edmondson told the Council that each feeder parish has two representatives on the School Board. Father Barr is the President of the Board of Pastors. He is very active in the liturgical aspect and is very visible at the school. One of the goals of the school is to create a greater visibility in the parishes. There are 130 students attending which are Holy Family parishioners. The school opened in 2000 at Our Lady of the Fields with 50 students attending. 750 students are enrolled at the school. There are three classes at each grade level. Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is the original kindergarten class and will be graduating in June. Tuition assistance is offered to those who need it. Current cost for tuition is \$5,380. There has been over \$135,000 in tuition assistance given this year. Dr. Edmondson informed the Council that if meeting space was needed by groups from Holy Family to contact the school to see of availability. Currently, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton uses the School for faith formation and St. Joseph's uses it for Bible School.

Dan Collins is the Facilities Committee Chairperson for the School. There is upgrading that is currently being done to the "west field" where sports activities are held. The School is looking at a major kitchen renovation/remodeling along with the cafeteria. This will help with the serving of lunches for the 750 students enrolled.

Dr. Edmondson stated that the School is very grateful for the support of the parishes. A movement came from the parents in the area to have a Catholic school. A study was done to see if the demographics would warrant a new school. Then the churches had to agree to be a part of this.

There is a “wait list” for certain grades in the School. Students entering kindergarten can usually be accommodated since there are three classes. If applying for higher grades it can be more difficult. Full capacity of the School is 810. There will probably be close to 775 students next year. Most of the graduating students attend a Catholic high school. Most attend Spalding and St. Mary’s but children do go elsewhere.

**Building Expansion:** Father Barr reported that we are currently in the process of determining the alternatives for the expansion. He has consulted with the Finance and Building Committees and with the Pastoral Council to discuss all phases of the expansion. Priorities established have been to claim the ground for the balcony and administration wing and to have a complete and operating kitchen. This will not include a “top of the line” partition in the social hall. Geo-thermal versus insulation is still a topic of discussion. Electric bills from the church for the past two years are being studied. Forty wells would be necessary if we went with a geo-thermal unit. Father Barr had a meeting Wednesday morning, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and will have another meeting on Thursday morning, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss this issue further. We will resubmit a letter asking for funds to increase our budget to \$8.8 million which is \$1.8 million above what we have permission for. Pastoral Council discussed the narthex and seating of the church and felt that we should claim the ground for this space as well. Motion was on the table to claim the space for all four phases of the expansion. Vote was taken and all were in favor. Father Barr will take this to the Building and Finance Committees.

**Donation:** Molly Brady recommended the \$1,000 donation be given to the Gary Lee Ryon, Jr., Memorial Soccer tournament. This memorial raises money for scholarships so children can attend Catholic high school. Bill Price made a motion to approve; seconded by Ed Longo. All in favor. Motion approved.

**Closing Prayer:** Father Barr

**Next Meeting:** November 19<sup>th</sup>

**Prayer Next Meeting:** Kaitlin Miller

**Donation Next Meeting:** Bill Price

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted: Donna Wardrup, October 29, 2008