

Pastoral Council Meeting
December 10, 2008

Present:

Father Barr	Donna Wardrup	Pat Mutschler (Finance)
Liz Coyle (Adult Enrich)	Bill Price	Kathy Elder
Ed Longo	Kaitlin Miller (Youth)	Tom Cosgrove
Tessie Ballard	Steve Sabo	Molly Brady
Loretta Haring (Fellowship)	Dave Surber	Dan Palumbo (Rel. Ed.)

Absent:

Bill Stehle (Building Com.)	Pam Lemanski (Adult Youth Rep.)	
Gail Rivera	Colleen McGraw	Ruth Milano (Liturgy)

Meeting called to order by Tom Cosgrove at 6:45pm.

Opening prayer led by Tessie Ballard.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the November 19, 2008 meeting were reviewed. No changes were made. Motion to approve made by Pat Mutschler. Seconded by Molly Brady. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report: Father Barr reviewed his report with the Council. Father Barr reported that Fr. Jim Steffis filled in for Fr. Rick Hilgartner during a weekend when Fr. Barr was away. Fr. Steffis is from the United States Council of Catholic Bishops.

Development/Fund Raising Effort: We have received 167 pledges. We have \$3.421 million in pledges with \$1.261 cash received as of this meeting date.

Father Barr had a special meeting with the Building Committee to discuss issues regarding insulation. The Committee had previously discussed using geo-thermal equipment but is now going with higher grade insulation. Cost will be much lower.

Parish Mission Update: Kathy Elder reported that Fr. Leo Patalinghug was very well received, especially by the youth. Over 200 people attended each night. Over 300 people attended the pizza dinner. Six cases of his book, "Grace Before Meals" were sold. This was a three day mission as opposed to a four day mission as we have previously held.

Cluster Update: Colleen McGraw emailed a report which was handed out to the Council members along with the goals of the North County Cluster. These three parishes, along with the pastors, are a very diverse group. The intent of the goals from the North County cluster is to help our Cluster adapt and come up with our own goals. A joint meeting of staffs and Pastoral Councils will take place after in the near future. A Council member reported that a question arose about the role of deacons and what they can do.

Building Expansion Update: The groundbreaking ceremony for the new expansion will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 4pm with Mass following at 4:45pm. Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski will be presiding. Father Barr will emcee. This will take place behind the church. We are getting a tent and will be using the sound system. Members of the choir will be present. A copy of the program was handed out to the Council members. The construction company is offering nine shovels for this event. Local ecumenical pastors will also be there.

Ministry Report: Kaitlin Miller (Youth representative) reported that the turkey drive was a huge success. They raised \$2,200. GYM (high school youth) meetings will now be held weekly as opposed to every other week beginning in January.

New Business: Tom Cosgrove reported that he felt the Council was making progress on their goals set aside at the beginning of this session. One area that needs more aggressive attention is the 30-30-40 program. He suggested we invite the members of that group to the January meeting to brainstorm with them to determine priorities. One priority is the space utilization of the church. A question was raised about whether we foresee having room for church groups and outside activities. Father Barr reported that the School of the Incarnation will need a larger space to hold their graduation reception in 2010 and has asked Holy Family.

Donation: Loretta Haring had a few suggestions for the donation this month. The Franciscan Center in Baltimore feeds those in need with hot lunches and has requested a donation. St. Matthew's rectory in Baltimore is being renovated to help house nine college men discerning a vocation and they are in need of furniture. There have been several recent fires in the area. Three families were displaced in Oyster Harbor and the Community

Association there has organized a fund to receive donations. The Anne Arundel food bank is also in need. Every dollar received provides six to nine meals for a family. Discussion ensued and Council would like to see the money stay in the local area. Motion was to have \$500 be given to the Oyster Harbor Fire Relief and \$500 to the Anne Arundel County food bank. Motion was approved.

Upcoming Events: Events for the month of December were noted. Father Barr would encourage all to attend the groundbreaking ceremony. He would like to see more attendance from Holy Family parishioners at our local ecumenical services.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Barr

Meeting adjourned: 7:15pm.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2009

Prayer Next Meeting: Kathy Elder

Donation Next Meeting: Steve Sabo

Respectfully submitted: Donna Wardrup
December 15, 2008