

Pastoral Council Meeting
September 23, 2009

Present:

Father Barr	Tessie Ballard	Tara Barber (Youth Rep.)
Tom Cosgrove	Liz Coyle (Adult En.)	Kathy Elder
Ed Longo	Loretta Haring (Fellowship)	Ann Marie Scrivener
Dan Palumbo (Rel. Ed.)	Betty Ryon	Steve Sabo
Ron Van Nest	Donna Wardrup (Rec. Sec.)	

Absent:

Bill Stehle (Building)	Dave Surber	Colleen McGraw
Kathleen Orndorff (Finance)		

Meeting called to order by Tom Cosgrove at 7:10pm.

Opening prayer led by Ron Van Nest.

Introduction of newly elected Youth Representative to the Council: Newly elected Youth Representative Tara Barber introduced herself to the Council.

Review and approval of minutes: Minutes from the June 24, 2009, meeting were reviewed. There being no objection, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Tessie Ballard. Motion was seconded by Loretta Haring. Motion was approved.

Pastor's Report:

Father Barr reviewed his report with the Council.

Catholic Advocacy Initiative: Father Barr attended a meeting on September 10th to learn about upcoming legislative issues concerning the Maryland Catholic Conference. Handouts were given to Council members to review the various initiatives (marriage, pregnancy support, poverty, and Boast Maryland Tax Credit). The Maryland Catholic Conference is asking for support from Pastors to get the information out to parishioners. Parishioners can sign up for updates via email through the Maryland Catholic Conference website, www.mdathcon.org. Father Barr also suggested ordering the brochure given at the meeting to be available for parishioners.

Clergy Advisory Board: John Leopold put together a representation of local clergy from all denominations. Father Barr is the only Roman Catholic Priest on the board. The board was asked to help prioritize programs in the County which were up for budget cuts.

Guests: Ted Lombard and Jack Horvath – Perpetual Adoration.

Ted Lombard addressed the Council on the preparation of Perpetual Adoration. He gave a presentation of the history of Adoration at Holy Family. It started 13 years ago with 10 hours. It has now grown to 60 hours. Adoration begins at 8pm, Wednesday and goes

through 8am, Saturday. With the addition of the new Perpetual Adoration Oratory, we will be able to offer Adoration 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Adoration Committee needs the help of the Council and the parish to make this happen. There are currently 90 Adorants who participate in the hours we now offer. 125 new Adorants are needed to make this happen. Archbishop O'Brien will bless the Oratory on December 6th. Seven parishes that currently have Perpetual Adoration are responsible for over half of all vocations in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The weekends of October 17-18, lay testimonials will be given. The weekend of October 24-25, Fr. Lawrence Villone from the Missionaries of the Blessed Sacrament will be here to give testimony during the Masses. The Adoration team will also be speaking to the different ministry groups at Holy Family to encourage participation. The Council Members were also given a handout on Adoration. The team will encourage new Adorants to select a time from 8am Saturday through 8pm Wednesday as these are the times that need to be filled.

Ministry Report and Questions:

Fellowship: Due to the lack of space, the Confirmation dinner has been cancelled for this year. Our Youth Minister has proposed taking the Bishop out for dinner prior to Confirmation.

Youth Report: Youth Masses for the upcoming year will be integrated back into the Church at the 11am Mass monthly. Tara Barber reviewed the activities of the youth with the council.

Old Business:

Handicap Friendly Initiatives Follow up: Ruth Milano gave a report on the progress of this initiative. At the last Liturgy Committee meeting their desire is to remove the last two rows on the center aisle of the Church and move two smaller pews from the front to the back leaving room on either side for wheelchairs. This is in the planning stages right now. Father Barr suggested having this in place by December 6th when Archbishop O'Brien comes for the dedication. The larger pews that would be removed from the church could possibly go into the gallery area for seating.

Building Expansion Update: Father Barr has been offering tours to parishioners.

When the church was built in 1990 the parking lot was all gravel. When it was paved, not enough macadam was used. It is breaking up. It is being re-done to bring it up to code. Traffic for the weekend of September 26th-27th will revert back to the old traffic pattern where it will be one way traffic around the church building. We will ask for help from the boy scouts for traffic control.

Furniture delivery for Religious Education classrooms will be October 1st. Religious Education classes will need to use the old social hall area for two weekends, September 27th-28th and October 3rd-4th before moving to the new wing October 11th-12th. The new

Social Hall will be open November 1st. All kitchen appliances will be in place. We may need to borrow other items, i.e., pots, pans, from the old social hall.

Fundraising Effort: Co-chairs of the Capital Campaign, Vernon Pizzi and Roy Kilby, have been very helpful. Pledges are at \$3.5 and cash received is at \$1.6 million. They had suggested that Father Barr speak at all the Masses the first two weekends in October to encourage participation now that the building will be complete. Several testimonies from other ministries have been given over the last few weeks and Father Barr feels he should wait until the first weekend in November. Once the parishioners see the new facility, they may consider pledging. He would like to do an in-pew appeal similar to how we did the Archbishop's Appeal this year as it was the most successful campaign we had. He would ask for help from the Youth to hand out pledge information. Council also discussed reaching out to CCD parents to get them involved.

Email Contacts: Email contact lists have been generated for the Eucharistic ministers, lectors and ushers. Council also felt that communication with CCD parents would best be done by email. At the August staff meeting, they discussed generating email lists for each class so all types of information could be sent out to parents. This will take some time to enter all this information into the computer.

Cluster Plan Update: Tri-parish meeting will be held on Sunday, September 27th at 1pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 2 in Edgewater. This is open to parishioners of all three parishes.

Cluster Picnic Update: The picnic was great. There were 680 people from Holy Family which was 69% of the total in attendance. OLPH had about 100 less people this year; OLOS had a few more. Personal invitation to the picnic brought more people in. The picnic Mass was well attended. All the volunteers did a great job. Kitchen had more help this year. Picnic costs were up this year due to adding more activities. Fixed costs were split three ways. Consumable costs were based on percentage of how many people came from each parish. Date for next year's picnic will be August 29th. Bishop Mitch Rozanski has been invited to celebrate the Mass.

Fall Retreat Agenda: The joint Pastoral Council and Staff Retreat day has changed to October 17th. A copy of the agenda was passed out to the council members. Fr. Dominique Peridans will facilitate the morning session. The focus will be on the roles and responsibilities of the council and staff in the future cluster environment. The afternoon session will focus on updating, renewing and changing of the current goals of the Council.

New Business:

Pastoral Leaders Orientation: This orientation was initially held for Pastors and Corporators of the Parish. It has been extended to include Parish Council and Finance Committee members. Pastoral Council members will learn of their role and responsibilities in relationship with the Pastor, parish staff, Corporators, and committees and other organizations in the parish. Corporators will review responsibilities that affect

parish corporations and the extent of liabilities. The Finance Committee will review responsibilities and Archdiocesan policies and procedures as they relate to parish finances, budgets, maintenance, facilities and long range financial development. Three training dates have been offered.

Catholic Neighborhood Network Tests Groups Approval: A handout explaining the Community Captains Action Plan and test neighborhoods was given out to all Council members. Tom Cosgrove gave a brief history of how the “Belonging Leads to Believing” group began. Software was purchased to create maps of neighborhoods. Purpose is to have a captain of each neighborhood to welcome new people, give important Church information to them, inform parish office of any special needs, etc. A copy of the new parish directory was developed and maps were created. The hope is to launch the program in January or February of 2010. There are currently 80 neighborhoods in which there would need to be 80 captains. Council suggested once the test neighborhoods began to get feedback from the captains on how it is working. The goal of this was to evangelize to others.

Donation: The recommendation was to give the \$1,000 donation to our sister parish, St. Gregory the Great Church in Baltimore. Holy Family will be visiting St. Gregory’s on October 3rd. Ed Longo made a motion to accept the recommendation. Anne Marie Scrivener seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Upcoming events to attend:

- September 26th – New Parishioner Welcome Dinner
- September 27th – Tri-Parish Cluster meeting, 1pm, Knights of Columbus Hall
- October 3rd – Visit to St. Gregory the Great
- October 12th – Fr. Dominique Peridans – “The Shack”
- October 17th – Joint Pastoral Council and Staff retreat – 9am to 2pm
- October 23rd – Confirmation
- October 24th – Dr. Gloria Polo – 9am to 3pm, Church
- October 24th-25th – Fr. Lawrence Villone, Missionaries of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration Presentation

Closing Prayer – Father Barr

Meeting Adjourned – 9:00pm

Next Meeting: October 28, 2009 – Narthex

Prayer next meeting: Liz Coyle

Donation next meeting: Kathy Elder

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Wardrup
September 25, 2009