

Pastoral Council Meeting
November 18, 2009

Present:

Father Barr	Tessie Ballard	Tara Barber (Youth Rep.)
Tom Cosgrove	Liz Coyle (Adult En.)	Kathy Elder
Ed Longo	Dave Surber	Betty Ryon
Dan Palumbo (Rel. Ed.)	Kathleen Orndorff (Finance)	Ann Marie Scrivener
Donna Wardrup (Rec. Sec.)	Loretta Haring (Fellowship)	

Absent:

Bill Stehle (Building)	Steve Sabo	Ron Van Nest
Colleen McGraw		

Meeting called to order by Ed Longo at 7:10pm.

Opening prayer led by Loretta Haring.

Review and approval of minutes: Minutes from the October 28, 2009, meeting were reviewed. There being no objection, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Dan Palumbo. Motion was seconded by Tessie Ballard. Motion was approved.

Pastor's Report:

Presbyteral Council: Father Barr reported on the Presbyteral Council. The Bishop meets with elected members of the region. Father Barr is the convener for Anne Arundel County. The Council meets five times a year. They are currently working on the Blue Ribbon Study of Catholic Schools. Father Barr reported there are currently 780 students at the School of the Incarnation. They were a two track system – the eighth grade is now a three track system as there are 82 students enrolled. Father Barr gave a tour of the facility to the principal, vice-principal, and other members of the school's staff.

Ministry Reports and Questions:

Adult Enrichment: Question was raised about the Men's Discussion group and why it was combining with the Men's Cenacle Group.

Liturgy: Pew move was very successful and the church has received very favorable feedback and comments.

Old Business:

Capital Campaign: Capital Campaign appeal weekend merited 29 new pledges totaling \$107,885.56. There are four pledges that need to be followed up by a phone call. This brings our currently total of pledges to 219. Pledge amount is \$3.652 and cash received is \$1.757. Father Barr has spoken with the co-chairs of the campaign to work on a

follow-up process. Religious Education parents should also be contacted about pledging if they have not done so.

Cluster Plan Update: The next cluster meeting will be held on November 19, 2009 at Holy Family. The agenda consists of administrative issues of how two priests will handle three parishes.

Catholic Neighborhood Initiative: An email will go out to the three test neighborhoods in the next two weeks. The group working on this felt email was the best way to “break the ice” on introducing this concept of communicating and to get information out on what is taking place at the church. Most neighborhoods have a “watch program” and correspond by email on what is happening in the community. The committee felt this would not be an obtrusive or demanding approach on getting information out. More feedback to follow at the December meeting.

Council Meeting Dates: It was proposed to move the Pastoral Council meeting dates to Thursday evenings beginning in January, 2010 through June, 2010. Council members decided to schedule the meetings on the third Thursday of the month. We will revisit the dates at the March meeting for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

New Business

Goals 2010: Goals and objectives are necessary to operate effectively. Nine goals were established at the Pastoral Council retreat. Input was received on goals #1, #3, #4 (partial goal) and #5 (partial goal). A Council Member was assigned to each goal. Each goal needs to be written with objective and merits and submitted to Tessie Ballard by December 4th. Once submitted, Tom Cosgrove, Ed Longo, and Tessie Ballard will review them and submit to Father Barr and staff. Finished goals will be discussed at the December 16th meeting. Once approved, the goals should be updated on the website and circulated to the parish.

Communication: Anne Marie Scrivener proposed that Holy Family get a Face Book page. This would be a great communication and evangelization tool. Someone would need to monitor the site. This topic needs more discussion once goals are received.

Evangelization: Kathy Elder reported the opportunity to purchase a book, “Rediscovering Catholicism” by Matthew Kelly. The book is selling for \$1.00. We would give out this book at Christmas. The parish ordered 1,000 books.

Parish Mission: The mission will be held December 5th-8th with Fr. Leo Patalinghug. Posters are in the narthex for the Iron Chef Cooking Challenge between Fr. Barr and Ben Lorenz, our youth minister. Ginny Dauses, the campus minister from St. Mary’s Annapolis, will be presenting a “Catholic Believe it or Not” on December 8th.

The photo mosaic is complete and will be on display during the mission.

Dedication of the new Spiritual Life Center: Father Barr is working with the Director of Worship to plan the Mass and Dedication on December 6th.

Donation: At the November meeting, Ron Van Nest, asked that the November donation be given to Holy Family's St. Vincent de Paul Society. Motion was approved at the October meeting.

Closing Prayer: Father Barr

Meeting adjourned: 8:45pm

Next meeting: December 16, 2009 – 6:30pm – Meeting, Dinner 7pm – Betty Ryon to organize the pot-luck dinner.

Prayer next meeting: Tara Barber

Donation next meeting: Tessie Ballard