



## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes October 27, 2009

*“Journey with Us Building God’s Holy Family”*

Members in Attendance: Fr. John Tapp, Jim Currey, Patricia Eley, Tony Kapkowski, Tara Kenyon, Michelle Klima, Claudia McIvor, Mary Naughton, Juan Ocano, George Pioli, Ann Whitlock

Members Excused: Martha Briggs

Members Absent: Mark Hanks

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:05 PM with prayer led by Claudia McIvor. This was followed by reflection on the Gospel for November 1 led by Mary Naughton.

### Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were accepted as written.

### Liaison Committee Reports

**Finance Council** – They are having a meeting right now, but plan to change their meeting date. Chio will send the reports directly to all members to solve the problems encountered with this month’s reports. Mary will e-mail him a list of addresses. Fr. John noted that we are about 5 or 6% below last year’s totals for the offertory, but we are doing well. This year we have the largest number ever of families needing tuition assistance because of the bad economy.

**S.A.C.** – Written reports for September and October. Tony noted the plans for revamping the web site as well as the technology plans that have been set for three years. They will be trying to get the golf tournament back into spring.

**AFF** – Tara Kenyon reported that the group will now hold their meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. She noted that Linda Johnston is having a problem with people spending money without prior approval. Fr. John will talk with her to find out which areas are problematic. It has been suggested that the parish consider having a central repository of such supplies as cups, napkins, and the like so we can benefit from buying in bulk and avoid numerous folks having to purchase them on their own. This would require someone to volunteer to coordinate purchasing and monitoring use.

**Stewardship Council** – Written report. Mary noted that this coming weekend is Time and Talent weekend. She also noted that at November’s Stewardship Council meeting the group will begin considering ways to improve reaching out to new parishioners as well as spreading the stewardship message to all parishioners.

### Pastor’s Report

Fr. John reported:

- We have received permission to go ahead with the renovations of the church. The Diocese agreed that we are doing well enough in our collections and finance management that they could provide us the bridge loan we need to get the work done in 2010. Also, we should be grandfathered in since they had promised us the loan before the economy got bad. Another positive factor was that the school renovation project came in on budget. At the end of the income from the Capital Campaign, we will still owe the Diocese around \$500,000 which we can pay off at about the same amount we are almost finished paying on the new church roof.
- The members of Pastoral Council should be leaders during the disruption caused by the closing of the church for the renovations. Some people will leave, and may come back when it is completed. We need to keep the message front and center about how great it will be when the work is completed.
- By the beginning of December we hope to have the basic footprint of the renovated church. Fr. John will make a presentation to the parish in the church, probably after the 5:00 PM, 9:00 Am and 11:00 AM Masses, once everything is settled. Work will begin in the church the first or second week of May. First Communion and Confirmation have been rescheduled to allow them to use Diffley before the renovations start.
- In view of the go-ahead for the renovations, the parish survey will be delayed. The new date for conducting the survey is January, 2011.
- Fr. John will probably confer Confirmation. Bishop Lynch will be having surgery again in January, and will be unable to keep his usual schedule.
- It is hoped that the school’s Annual Appeal has resulted in enough income to do renovation work on one of the student bathrooms.

- The people of this parish deserve great thanks for all the various activities that are happening here. There are many good people doing great things and producing wonderful events.
- We are trying to build up the greeters and ushers. Fr. John suggested that members of Pastoral Council should consider being greeters. Since we are supposed to be the eyes and ears of the parish, what better way to connect with people than providing a warm greeting as they enter the church. It only requires being a few minutes early for Mass, and distributing the service sheets. Anyone interested in serving as a greeter should contact Rhonda Mahaz. [(727) 520-1727 or [rmahaz@hotmail.com](mailto:rmahaz@hotmail.com)]
- As suggested at last month's meeting, it would be a good idea to get a couple of representatives of the major councils together at the end of the year to discuss accomplishments during the year and where to go in the coming year. Claudia agreed to set up this meeting.

### Pastoral Council Lead Committees

- **Child Care** – Claudia circulated a copy of the brochure she created for the child care program. She explained that we are now intensifying what we are offering with an experience of the Liturgy of the Word. With the cooperation of Sr. Flo and Nina Myers, the new program has been set up. The first session this past Sunday went very well. Older children helped younger children. Ages involved included 3 and 4 year olds, and one 5 year old child. It is hoped that more parents will become catechists and become more involved in the project.

### Old Business

- **Capital Campaign Report** – Tony Kapkowski reported that phone calls will be starting in November and the team will be looking for help with calls and stuffing envelopes, etc.
- **Youth Ministry Report** –
  - Michele Klima noted that, as a subject related to Youth Ministry, the Children's Choir is the largest it has ever been at 31 members. It has been necessary to get more robes, music, etc.
  - Michelle reported that for the Middle School, Maureen Boberg (former Sacred Heart Youth Minister) has volunteered to get the middle school program up and running. There were approximately 130 kids at the first dance. Our next dance will be Nov. 13 at Holy Family. We need to work on connecting with more parents at Holy Family and get them to serve as chaperones. There were 7 kids at the first middle school night. Six of them were from St. Paul's and none from Holy Family School. The 7<sup>th</sup> student was from public school and our Faith Formation program. Today, Maureen and Katie Muller went to St. Paul's and Holy Family to get the middle schoolers excited about Youth Ministry. We hope the group will grow by word-of-mouth and Divine intervention.
  - Katie Muller, an ECHO apprentice, is running the High School Youth Ministry. Sue DeMay is our first consistent adult volunteer from Holy Family. We've had approximately 20 – 30 teens each night so far, and about 40 – 50 overall. We've had a great start of Holy Family kids attending: 5 – 10 so far. We have a database of all high-school aged parishioners from Holy Family. We have sent out postcards to the Holy Family School graduates inviting them to join, and we may start sending out such simple things as birthday postcards. This summer, instead of Covecrest, we will be going to Notre Dame Vision at Notre Dame. There will be an informational meeting for parents and teens on Monday, Nov. 9, from 7 – 8 PM, at St. Paul's. We'll be doing fundraising to help alleviate costs of the trip. Our first fundraiser is to sell tickets to a Tampa Bay Lightning Game. Flyers are available from Michele.

### Open Discussion

- The Knights of Columbus did a wonderful job on the campus. It really looks great.
- A question was raised about the availability of Diffley Hall for meetings, etc., during the renovations. Fr. John said that it might be possible to use part of the hall, but liturgies will have first priority. We won't be able to do Pancake Breakfasts or Spaghetti Dinners, however.
- George Pioli has the list, requested by Mark Hanks, of the Knights who are eligible for our Swinging Singles group.

### Housekeeping

- **Adopt a Class** – Chio reported that we have contributed \$170 toward adoption of a class at Holy Family School. We will request the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Council adjourned at 8:25 PM with prayer led by Claudia. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 17, 2009**, in the Church Office, Room 201, at 7 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton