

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 8, 2009  
St. John's

**Attendance:** Judy Brawley, Father Brian Carpenter, Robert Crego, Joseph Dilal, Carol Haefner, Joanne Insull, Zoe Johnson, Karin Kellogg, Laurie Maier, Marty Moynihan, Doug Nordquist, David O'Keefe, Janice Plummer, Kay Reagan, Karen Rinefield, Father Bob Schrader, Sr. Marlene Vigna, Father Bob Werth, Shannon Wollschleger,

**Excused:** Rena LaBue, Fred Rion, Jr.

**Absent:**

**Scribe:** Fr. Brian K. Carpenter

➤ **Opening Prayer– Mass**

Fr. Werth celebrated Mass for the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7:00pm finishing at approximately 7:55pm.

➤ **Approval of October 13, 2009 Minutes and November, Agenda - 8:01pm**

Fr. Schrader opened the Meeting at 8:01pm

Changes to Minutes: page 5 - Change "pod-casts" to "podcasts".

Bob Crego moved to accept the minutes

Fr. Bob Schrader moved to accept Agenda.

➤ **Open Forum – None 8:05pm**

No Concerns were raised. Ron Bess was in attendance as an observer.

➤ **Councilors Concerns**

Fr. Schrader handed out the Charter for Compassion. He asked people to look it over and bring for discussion at the next meeting.

Carol Haefner asked about who schedules the date and times of requested Masses (the person requesting or the staff). The staff informed the council that usually the Masses are scheduled by the people requesting the Mass.

Kay Regan raised questions about the homemade bread used at Masses at St. John. People have complained that it is too chewy, and tastes funny. It was clarified that there is always some of the "wafer" style hosts that are consecrated so that people who have trouble chewing the hosts consecrated from the homemade bread can receive a consecrated "wafer" style host. The question arose as to what proportion of "wafer" style hosts to homemade bread should be used during the liturgy. Fr. Schrader suggested this topic be sent to the liturgy committee for further discussion.

Joseph Dilal asked about getting missals that allow people to follow the Order of Mass. Fr. Schrader said this would not be done until the new Roman Missal is

promulgated. At that time, he intends to consult with the musicians and purchase hymnals/worship materials that will be common to all three worship sites.

David O'Keefe was asked by a parishioner if we could improve our communication in regards to the deaths of parishioners and the funeral arrangements, as often times people miss these announcements in the newspaper or do not recognize the name (e.g. some people may not have recognized the last name of Laurie's mother). Fr. Schrader suggested sending this to the website committee. Perhaps an alert box could be placed on the front page that would have "breaking news".

➤ **Financial Handout - 8:22pm**

There are letters being sent to remind people to donate now if they would like to get a 2009 tax advantage.

Fr. Schrader went over many of the line items with the council.

Any concerns regarding the financial handout can be addressed to Fr. Schrader or Carmen Sanchez.

The report contained the Mass attendance for September, October and November of 2008 and 2009. It was noticed that attendance was down significantly in November 2009 versus that same month a year ago. This may be due to the fact that in 2008 a "Welcome Home" letter was sent out to people in the community. The idea of doing a similar campaign was discussed briefly. Fr. Schrader would like this to be a topic of further discussion at the next meeting.

Bob Crego wanted to see a welcoming/registration table at Christmas and Easter Masses, as there are numerous people who attend Mass only on these days. This was the transition to the Updates section of the meeting.

➤ **Updates - 8:27pm**

The council volunteered to have registration packets available at the Christmas Masses. The Schedule is:

**Dec 24, 2009**

4:00pm St. Ambrose - Karin Kellogg

4:00pm St. John - Kay Reagan

4:00pm St. James - Bob Crego

8:00pm St. James Bob Crego

11:00pm St. Ambrose - Rena??

**Dec 25, 2009**

Midnight St. John - Joanne Insull

8:30am St. James - Bob Crego

10:30am St. Ambrose - Joe Dilal

The staff will make sure there are enough packets available for the Masses

Bob Crego suggested that there should be an abbreviated/express way to get someone's name and phone number because people will not want to stick around to

fill out paperwork after Christmas Mass. This would allow us to contact them at a later date in order to register them and welcome them to the parish.

➤ **Visioning - 8:32pm**

Joanne Insull provided everyone maps of the parish boundaries courtesy of Dick Kurz.

Joanne gave a report on the Visioning Goal being referred to as "Helping Hands / Make a Difference Day." The idea is to have this one-day event in the spring. Joanne and Laurie M. are working to create a request form so that people in need of assistance can submit a project with which they need assistance. This will give them ideas of what needs are in the community, and what skills and prep work are required to meet these needs. Based on this information, they will select projects. The goal is to select projects in which a wide range of people (young, old, skilled and unskilled) can participate.

➤ **Youth Items - 8:22pm**

Zoe - CYO Basketball started. The parish has 16 teams representing Peace of Christ.

Jan.17- Peace of Christ will host Judge Ninfo to speak about financial concerns for young people, particularly as they prepare to head to college and enter into the work force. This will be hosted at St. Ambrose. The idea of sending an announcement to local campus ministers inviting their students to this talk was discussed.

The Super Bowl of Caring starts in February. Soup pots will be placed at all worship sites to collect money for charity that is TBD.

Shannon gave a report on the National Catholic Youth Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri. She stated that it was a good time. She noted that the music and talks were good, and that Fr. Brian is the coolest priest. The parish participants in the NCYC are going to be holding a pasta supper in March which will be a fundraiser as well as a time for the teens to share their experiences from the conference.

➤ **Urban Ministry- 8:44pm**

Karen R. informed the council that the diocese has hired two new people, Tom Kubus and Sr. Janet Korn to work with urban ministry.

Sr. Janet is doing relationship enhancements and is very knowledgeable about things going on both within the Catholic Church and in the larger ecumenical community. She will try to coordinate things around Rochester.

Tom will be working with parishes in need of financial assistance.

Karen also informed the council that closings and consolidations are likely for financially troubled parishes (Our Lady of the Americas, Our Lady of the Angels, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Light of Christ, St. Bridget /Immaculate Conception). She also informed the council that St. Bridget's Parish will be relocating to a site TBD.

St. George Parish is looking for a new home. They are in negotiations with Our Lady of Lourdes in Brighton. If this falls through, there is a possibility that they would still consider using St. James as a potential worship site

Karen also informed the council that a Parish Advisory Council will be formed on the diocesan level. This group will look at the city as a whole with a broader view. Bishop Clark sent invitations to people asking them to serve on this committee (which will be approximately 6-9 people). Karen not clear on the exact details of this committee, as it is still in the formative stages. She will keep the council informed as necessary.

This Parish Advisory Council will start meeting in January, 2010. More information about its mission and goals will be available then.

Karen also noted that some parishes/clusters and planning groups may get a new diocesan liaison. At this point, Peace of Christ will still have Karen as our liaison.

Fr. Schrader asked to be kept advised of how the Urban Ministry continues to develop and how POC fits into that.

➤ **Summary and Closing Prayer - 9:05pm**

Several councilor's concerns were discussed.

Financial report was discussed.

Updates on visioning and welcome weekend were discussed.

Next month there will be a discussion on Welcome Home ideas.

The youth provided the council with an update.

Urban Ministry was discussed.

Bob Crego led the closing prayer

Kay Reagan will lead opening and closing prayer next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:09pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Fr. Brian K. Carpenter

**Subject to approval at next month's meeting.**