

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

Attendance: Fr. Tim Brown, Bruce Cavallaro , Bob Crego, Drew Desmarais, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Rick Eisenman, Joan Frazier, Carol Fuchs, Ann Holstrom, Mark Mang, Augie Misiurewicz, Jean McClure, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Fr. Robert Schrader, Ruth Tanner and Sr. Marlene Vigna

Absent/Excused: Stephanie Lewis and Katie Onorato

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:02 pm.

- **Opening Prayer** – Sister Marlene
- **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the November Minutes and the December agenda as written.

- **Encuentro Presentation** - Lynette Saenz - Diocesan Office

A V ENCUESTRO fact sheet was passed out explaining the goal for this five-week evangelization process with the expectation that over one million people will be participating nationally.

The main goal is to discern ways in which the Church in the United States can better respond to the Hispanic/Latino presence, and to strengthen the ways in which Hispanics/Latinos respond to the call to the New Evangelization as missionary disciples serving the entire Church. That's why the primary language of the program is Spanish (ENCUESTRO means *Encounter*). However, the fact that the program is intended to reach Hispanic/Latino people does not mean English speaker parishes cannot respond to this evangelization call. The program is bilingual (Spanish-English) and is open to all ethnic groups and languages in the USA.

A Facilitators' Guide and individual journals will be provided to each parish by December. Parishes are encouraged to consider setting up volunteer teams to participate in this activity, possibly as a Lenten Project, January – June. Participants would go out into the community and talk to neighbors or to those who have not attended church recently – evangelization - keep a journal – get together with other team members and share with the entire group. One representative will attend a diocesan group meeting and report on the Missionary Action of their group.

- **Open Forum** – no one present

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

A form was distributed for sign-up as greeters for the Christmas Masses – two for each Mass at each site. Greeters should arrive thirty minutes before the start of Mass. There will not be a welcome table open this month.

➤ **Youth Report – Mark Mang**

Both Youth Groups were involved in Service Projects – the First Penance Workshop at St. James, Assisting with making sandwiches and assembling toiletry bags at St. Ambrose, and transporting Angel gifts from the church sites to the parish office. The bowling event on Sunday, November 13th with the priests and guests from St. Kateri Parish was a great success.

The candidates for Confirmation have a busy schedule before the Celebration of the Sacrament at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 19th, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Hands of Christ Award Ceremony will be Tuesday, February 7, at St. John the Evangelist, Greece. The recipients are Katherine Warth and Mark Mang.

Plans are underway for the High School Youth Group and Young Adult Ministry along with members of the Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Greece to attend the March of Life to be held on January 27, 2017 in Washington, DC. The plan is to charter a bus if there are enough people interested in this pilgrimage. An informational meeting is planned for Friday, January 6, 6:30 – 7:30 at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall.

There will be a parent-youth informational meeting for any High School Youth member interested in attending the National Catholic Youth Conference to be held November 16-18, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN.

CYO basketball games started last weekend. The season ends on February 26th. For schedules of games, visit the parish website. The teams were granted permission to sell concessions during all the CYO games at Dailey Hall to assist in offsetting the costs.

➤ **Recommendation of Executive Committee on Parish on Committee Reports – Ann**

The Executive Committee of Pastoral Council met and made the decision not to have individual committees give a report of their activities at council meetings. Instead, their reports should be posted on the website and an annual report could be distributed to council. It was mentioned that the minutes for pastoral council have not been updated on the website. Ann will follow up on this.

➤ **Parish Open Forum/Town Hall Update/10th Anniversary Update (Parish Dinner, Silent Auction, Raffle – Bob**

Bob will be following the Executive Committee's suggestion to set up a committee for the different activities. Regarding the Open Forum, the questions would be presented beforehand. A meeting will most likely be held at one of the coffee hours asking for

volunteers to solicit questions. He will be meeting with Patty Macera, Finance Director, to work out the details for the Raffle and Ticket Price. No response back from Cerame's regarding the catering cost for the dinner. Bob made the suggestion that instead of a sit-down dinner being served, perhaps just hors d'oeuvres could be offered in an informal setting. The Silent Auction will be a part of the Activity again. A meeting with the Website committee regarding the possibility of advertising items for the Silent Auction will be set up. Bruce suggested the possible use of Digital Signage as a means for advertising.

➤ **Community Outreach Day – Ruth**

The date will be Saturday, April 29th. The timeline for notices in the bulletins was discussed. Ruth will check the notebook for the information from past outreach days. Helpers for The House of Mercy were overwhelmed last year. It was suggested that those who are assigned to that site be briefed beforehand. The new site is under construction and no definite date for opening has been determined.

➤ **Finance Report – Fr. Bob**

Fr. reviewed the financial report dated 11/30/16. The parish has received pledges totaling 116% of our Catholic Ministries Appeal. Fr. Bob met with School Council recently and reported that an extensive Marketing Campaign will soon begin to encourage enrollment for the 2017-18 school year.

➤ **Closing Prayer - Augie**

The meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 10, St. John's Hall
Opening Prayer: Joan Frazier
Closing Prayer: Carol Fuchs
Refreshments: Bruce Cavallaro