

## Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

1/14/2015

Attendance: Fr. Marc, Ken Conti, Sal Gioe, Deacon Bill, and Cheryl Follien

Meeting began at 7:10pm

Robert Messier has stepped down from the pastoral Council

- Fr Marc has been reading the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebuilt book which he has received from Sal. Fr. Marc states that there are practical steps in growing the parish.
- The following names have been identified as possibilities for joining the Pastoral Council: Steve Rizzo, Dan Hebert, Tanya Weed, Robin Doyle, Teresa Zuidma, Rick Leather, Rick Heinz, Bob Dorian, Armando Lierontu,
- Rick/Nicky O'Donnell, Joan Lannon, Maria Watkins, and Rob Hampton (newly received into the church at last Easter Vigil)
- The next step is to place announcement in the bulletin. Announcement should be place three week-ends in a row (Jan .25<sup>th</sup>, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, and Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.) Those wishing to respond should have their letter of interest submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup>. This would allow for interviews and Council being a full capacity by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The process of discernment will be described in the bulletin so as info those who are interested, what they might expect. This discernment might include a night in which interested parishioners will come to church and hear about all the new committees being formed as well as Pastoral Council. There was proposed a small prayer service and then they will be invited to return home and pray or if they have a sense of which committee they would like to serve, they would state their preference. Interviews would follow this service. While the announcements are being published, people should feel free to invited person which have been named above.
- Interview committee should be hearing from those interested parties what gifts or talents that they might bring to the Council. Interview committee will be made up of three members. Prior to the interview, possible candidates should be aware of the new committees (see above), which are going to be formed. They include Faith Formation, PR, and Social. These new committees will be added to the already existing committees of Pastoral Council (vision for the Parish), Finance (handle budget and finding

funds for projects), Liturgy (includes Music and Environment) and Buildings and Grounds. It was noted by Fr. Marc that some of these committees need to be formalized. During the formalization process, He will have to be present. Fr. Marc also stated that staff would be assigned to a committee so as to enhance the communication between all parties.

- There was discussion of Fr. Marc being named the head of the Deanery. This coupled with the formation of the new committees will require much of his time. Pastoral Council meeting might be changed to every 6 weeks or every other month.
- Again brought to every ones attention was the need of the ministries to be trained in “What it means to be a Disciple of Christ”. Fr. Marc has a priest he knows, who might be willing to do a teaching. Date needs to be set for this event Between Ascension and Pentecost
- There will be no Lenten programs like Catholicism. Have several spiritual events during this time scheduled.

Meeting ended at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted by

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