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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
January 20, 2011 – 7pm
Center for Education and Ministry, Second Floor Conference Room

Present: Fr. Peter Gori, Fr. Richard O’Leary, Barbara Biondo, Claire Bishop, Betty Desjardins, Janet Duffy, Erik Eldracher, Paul Makowski, Saverio Manago, Rosemary McClune, William Melahn, Thomas Reynolds, Klara Vajda, Guillermo Walle, Anita Zompa

Absent: Thomas Burke, Debra Falvey, John Markiewicz, Benoit Thibault

Prayer: Evening Prayer – Psalm 34

Reflective Reading and Sharing:

Rule of St. Augustine, Principle 3: “Care and Respect for the Individual”

Review and approval of Minutes from November 18, 2010 Meeting:

Minutes approved with correction to meeting attendees

Proposal for Parish Property Commission:

Fr. Peter presented a proposal to create a Parish Property Commission to be more proactive in planning the facilities needs of the parish. He distributed a document that summarized St. Augustine Parish buildings and facilities, and the proposed duties of the Commission. It also suggested the group have a 3-year term and include himself, Br. John, Mike O’Dea (Facilities), Sam Conte (Finance), and Ben Thibeault (PPC). In the discussion it was suggested that the Commission should report to Fr. Peter and therefore he should not be a member. Fr. Peter would make decisions regarding the properties in consultation with the Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council with input from the Parish Property Commission. It was also suggested that the creation of a 5-year plan was a longer term goal not to be completed in the first year or two.

Progress Report on Summary of Visitation Experience:

Tom Reynolds reported that the group preparing this summary report includes Paul, Saverio, Anita, and himself from the PPC, Anne Kendall from the School, Danette Morris from the Parish Staff, Erik Eldracher from the Finance Committee, and Bridget Rao from Religious Education. So far the group has communicated via email, but they intend to meet in the next couple of weeks and to present a summary report with some suggestions for parish goals at the next PPC meeting in March.

Discussion of Parish Ministry Renewal:

Klara introduced the topic by saying she was concerned that some of the Ministries were in need of renewal. The same people have been leading some of the Ministries for a long time and there needs to be some fresh energy to revitalize them. Despite these observations, it's important to remember that there are currently more than 1,700 filled Ministry positions in the parish. The discussion included thoughts for how to get new members to join a Ministry – for example, by personal invitations. While some Ministries are naturally social, others, especially the liturgical ministries, may be lacking the community building aspects. It was suggested that there could be a more community prayer and learning aspect to some of the larger Ministries. It was pointed out that along these lines there are at least two Saturday morning gathering of the Ministry heads and of the larger Ministries. The discussion was very open and provided some good ideas to be considered.

Old/New Business:

- Future Meeting Dates
 - No meeting in February
 - March 10, 2011(rescheduled)
 - No meeting in April
 - May 19, 2011
 - June 11, 2011 – Selection of New PPC Members at 4PM Mass
 - June 25, 2011 – 8:00 Mass and Appreciation Breakfast 8 – 10 AM
- The Council presented Fr. Peter with an album of pictures from his installation Mass in remembrance of his upcoming second anniversary as Pastor of St. Augustine Parish.

Closing Prayer and Petitions:

The meeting was closed with the prayer of “Our Lady of Good Counsel.”

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J. Reynolds, Vice Chair