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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

April 4, 2013

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

Fr. Peter Gori, Deacon Lou Piazza, Barbara Biondo, Sean Burke, Erik Eldracher, Debra Falvey, Kim Grady, Pat Jennings, Michelle Karlberg, John Markiewicz, Thomas Reynolds, Thomas Rickenbacker, and Klara Vajda.

Absent:

Fr. Richard O'Leary, Thomas Burke, Sheila Doherty, Kathy George, Julie Kelley, Marianne Rhoads, and Benoit Thibault.

Opening Prayer:

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Reflective Reading and Sharing:

Rule Principle Five: Moderation and Self-Denial.

Minutes from March 14, 2013:

The minutes for the 3/14/13 PPC meeting were accepted as presented and will be posted on the website.

Feedback and Discussion of Lent/Triduum/Easter Events and Liturgies:

A sincere thank-you was expressed to all the volunteers/ministers/ministries who helped make the Easter events such a success. The many hours of hard work were noted and appreciated. Discussion ensued regarding how the music selections were chosen. It was suggested that a blend of familiar music rather than all new music presents a more welcoming experience especially for those parishioners who do not attend Mass weekly. All agreed there is a delicate balance between familiar and new music.

Fr. Peter noted that enlisting the aid of the Andover Fire Department to help manage attendance at the St. Augustine Easter Masses within safe limits needs to be refined. Clear communication as to when to turn people away due to overcrowding and how to direct them to other Masses needs to be developed. Next year, the policy of limiting entrance to the Church to a safe maximum number will be published in the bulletin and on the website prior to the Easter celebrations. Fr. Peter noted that more than 4,200 people attended the Triduum and Easter Sunday celebrations compared with the regular week-end Mass attendance of approximately 1,500.

Brief update on St. Augustine School Gym Project:

Fr. Peter stated that there is another meeting scheduled with the Town of Andover Planning Board regarding the proposed school gym next week. He feels the project is proceeding well. Once the Town of Andover gives approval, Fr. Peter will explain the gymnasium project to the Parish via the bulletin.

Overview and Catechesis for new PPC member Selection Process:

Fr. Peter noted that the terms of the following five members of the Council end this May: Barbara Biondo, Tom Burke, John Markiewicz, Tom Reynolds, and Benoit Thibault.

It was felt that there were more nominees last year for the Parish Council due to knowledge and interest gained through Fr. Peter's catechesis/instruction in the bulletin prior to candidate selection, and that he should publish this information again this year. It was also agreed that the selection process has continued to improve year after year.

Old/New Business:

- The Archdiocese Pastoral Plan is in Phase I – Implementation
Cardinal Seán has named Pastors for five more of the Phase One Collaboratives. They are *Father Brian L. Flynn*, to be the Pastor in Lynn (Sacred Heart Parish and St. Mary Parish); *Father Daniel J. Riley*, to be the Pastor in Salem (Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Anne Parish, St. James Parish, and St. John the Baptist Parish); *Father Paul E. Ritt*, to be the pastor in Lynnfield (Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, St. Maria Goretti Parish); *Father Thomas A. Mahoney*, to be the pastor in Belmont (St. Joseph Parish and St. Luke Parish); and *Father John E. Sheridan* to be the pastor in Middleboro [including Rochester and Lakeville] (Sacred Heart Parish and Sts. Martha and Mary Parish).

Fr. Peter encouraged visiting the Archdiocese's website www.disciplesinmission.com for current information on the Pastoral Plan. The St. Augustine/St. Roberts Collaborative is still not expected to be formed until at least Phase 3 or 4.

- Fr. Peter noted that Fr. Rich will be undergoing surgery next week at the Lahey Clinic to help alleviate his back/leg issues.
- Upcoming PPC Meeting Dates:
 - Thursday, May 16, 2013
 - May 4-5 and 11-12, 2013 – Nominations for new members
 - Saturday, May 18, 2013 4PM Mass – Selection of new members
 - Saturday, June 1, 2013 – PPC 8 AM Mass and Transition Breakfast

Our Father, Petitions:

The meeting was closed with the Our Father.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Biondo, Recording Secretary