



St. Augustine Parish Community

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

October 10, 2013

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

Fr. Peter Gori, Fr. Richard O'Leary, Deacon Lou Piazza, Barbara Biondo, Greg Clements, Sheila Doherty, Kathy George, Pat Jennings, Julie Kelley, Marianne Rhoads, Michelle Karlberg, Eugenie Moffitt, Thomas Reynolds, Vice Chair, Thomas Rickenbarker, Paul Romano, Dana Rowland, Allyson Smith and Klara Vajda.

Absent:

Sean Burke, Erik Eldracher, Debra Falvey, Kim Grady.

Opening Prayer:

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Reflective Reading and Sharing:

Rule Principle Seven: Humility.

Schedule of Meetings at 7pm:

- Thursday, November 14th – Conference Room 2
- December Social – TBD – No Meeting
- **Wednesday**, January 22 – TBD
- Thursday, March 13th – Conference Room 2
- Thursday, May 8 – Assembly Hall
- Saturday/Sunday May 24th/25th and May 31st/June 1st Nominations for 2015 PPC
- Saturday, June 7th 4pm Mass – Vigil of Pentecost - Selection of New PPC Members
- Saturday, June 14th – Transition Breakfast following 8am Mass – Assembly Hall

St. Augustine Parish School Centennial Year 2014 Events:

Fr. Peter gave a brief history of the parish school from 1914 up to and including the construction of the new gymnasium planned to open next year. A committee has been formed to coordinate and plan a year-long series of celebrations honoring alumni, alumni families, Augustinians, Sisters of Notre Dame, currently enrolled children, and including a gala dinner dance, the blessing and dedication of the gym, and a Mass of Thanksgiving hopefully attended by Cardinal Sean. An Open House at the School is planned for August around the Feast of St. Augustine to give all parish families the opportunity to tour the school. Fr. Peter also noted that St. Augustine Parish will celebrate *its* 150th Anniversary in 2016.

Disciples In Mission:

Fr. Peter distributed a letter from Fr. Peter Soper, Director of Pastoral Planning for the Archdiocese, regarding the future Collaborative between St. Augustine and St. Robert Bellarmine parishes. While the original expectation was that this collaborative would be in one of the later phases, in June Fr. Conway of St. Robert's and Fr. Peter each received an invitation to be part of Phase 2. Fr. Peter and Fr. Conway both declined citing a number of reasons including the fact that the parishes have not had any time for preparatory meetings and staff training. In addition, the timing is bad for St. Augustine parish since the Augustinians are electing a new Provincial and Vice Provincial this year, St. Augustine's is in the midst of celebrating the Centennial of the Parish School, and the Parish itself will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2016. Fr. Peter now feels that our collaborative is probably slated for Phase 4.

Fr. Peter explained again the concept of a Collaborative by what is shared/not shared when parishes work together. He stressed that the upcoming process is *not* a merger, but rather a partnership of priests/staffs/councils/etc. with each parish maintaining its own identity.

Fr. Peter encouraged all to frequent the website www.disciplesinmotion.com to stay fully updated on successes and challenges faced by the current Collaboratives as they mature. The topic of Disciples in Motion will be a regular agenda item at the PPC this year.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Fr. Peter noted that last year we had a very successful experiment with more than 1,200 people attending the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass at the Collins Center. After reviewing last year's attendance at all the Christmas Masses, it was proposed that the schedule be adjusted this year to include a second Mass at the Collins Center at 6pm. The intention is to balance convenience for parishioners with the impact multiple Masses has on our priests and ministries. It is suggested that the 6pm Mass be primarily for families with older children while the 4pm Mass be promoted mainly for the elderly and families with younger children. To reinforce this, the children's choir will sing at the 4 and the adult choir at the 6. There would still be a "midnight" Mass at St. Augustine's at 10:30pm Christmas Eve, and the usual Masses Christmas day at St. Augustine's and St. Joseph's. As with any change, it will be critical to communicate the new schedule and the reasons for it starting right away and repeated frequently.

Old/New Business:

- Fr. Jurgen Lias, an Episcopal priest for 40+ years, was ordained by Cardinal O'Malley and is now pastor of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Beverly Farms, MA. On October 12th Fr. Lias will share his spiritual journey to the Catholic Church with us, celebrating the 8am Mass and following it with a light breakfast and talk at the Parish Center.
- Vocations Awareness Week is October 19th – 26th. PPC member, Paul Romano, will speak at all masses on "My Vocation Story"

Closing Prayer, Petitions:

The meeting was closed with the Glory be to the Father.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Biondo, Recording Secretary