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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

October 11, 2012

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

Fr. Peter Gori, Fr. Richard O'Leary, Deacon Lou Piazza, Barbara Biondo, Sean Burke, Thomas Burke, Sheila Doherty, Erik Eldracher, Kathy George, Michelle Karlberg, Julie Kelley, John Markiewicz, Thomas Reynolds, Vice Chair, Thomas Rickenbarker, and Klara Vajda.

Phillip D'Agati, parishioner, also attended the open portion of the meeting

Absent:

Debra Falvey, Kim Grady, Pat Jennings, Marianne Rhoads, and Benoit Thibault.

Opening Prayer:

"A Prayer for Autumn Days" led by Fr. Peter.

Reflective Reading and Sharing:

Rule Principle Two: Stewardship.

Minutes from September 6, 2012:

The minutes were accepted as presented and will be posted on the website.

Update on Parish Staffing:

- Fr. Peter noted that the Memorial Mass for Brother John will be 10/22/12 at 7:30 p.m. Brother John's duties have been absorbed by Karen Miller, Business Manager, and her company, Andover Administrative Services.
- Fr. Peter introduced Deacon Lou Piazza and noted that Deacon Lou would be attending the PPC meetings *ex officio*.
- Fr. Bill Donnelly, OSA, who is assigned full time to St. Michael's Parish, North Andover, has taken up residence in St. Augustine's Friary.
- Fr. Art Johnson, OSA, has recently undergone surgery and is beginning recovery.

Update on Pastoral Planning Process:

The draft plan entitled *Disciples in Mission*, (available on www.planning2012.com), is with Cardinal Sean now. The Cardinal's approval is expected in early November, and a press conference has been scheduled for 11/15. The plan will be implemented in phases, with the pastors for the first pilot group of approximately 15 collaboratives to be announced in January 2013. They will assume their new pastoral duties in June/July 2013. There will be a full year of watching/learning before the next collaboratives are

formed in 2014. It is expected that St. Augustine/St. Robert's will not come together until at least 2015.

Pastor's Remarks:

- Planning has begun for the Annual PPC Christmas Party. Location/date/menu will be decided at the November PPC meeting.
- Fr. Rich explained some changes for the Christmas Masses this year. The 4:00 p.m. at St. Augustine has been dangerously overcrowded each year despite scheduling other Masses around the same time at St. Joseph's and Merrimack College. To correct this situation, the Liturgy Committee has proposed that a 4:00 p.m. Mass be celebrated in the Collins Center (capacity 1,250) and a 4:30 Mass at Merrimack College (capacity 700). Together they should comfortably handle the expected attendance safely. The 10:30 Vigil Mass will still be celebrated at St. Augustine's, and the Masses on Christmas Day will remain unchanged: 9:30 and 11:00 at St. Augustine's and 10:00 at St. Joseph's. Planning/organization/communication of the new schedule has begun.

Old/New Business:

- The film on St. Augustine: "Restless Heart" will be shown at the Rogers Center, Merrimack College, on Thursday, 11/25 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. It will also be presented at The Loop on 11/2 and 4.
- A parishioner had approached a PPC member asking them to present an idea to the PPC, namely, to see if the pianist at the 8:00 Sunday Masses, Tom O'Brien, would consider recording a CD of his contemplative music for distribution and/or sale. While it was agreed that this should not become a PPC project, Tom Reynolds offered to follow up with Tom O'Brien and Cynthia Arsenault.
- Upcoming PPC Meeting Dates:
 - Thursday, November 8, 2012
 - December Social Gathering – TBD
 - Thursday, January 10, 2013
 - Thursday, March 14, 2013
 - Thursday, April 4, 2013
 - 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

Executive Session:

Fr. Peter discussed a confidential proposal with the PPC members, asking for their input.

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Petitions:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Biondo, Recording Secretary