

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2015

Transition to Appointed Council

- Please email recommendations for new members to Monsignor by January
- Regarding expectations of PC
 - being open to others; do not carry preconceived notions
 - looking to have greater visibility as PC members at parish events
- Many churches moving to appointed PC as well - gives the opportunity to appoint people who aren't as recognizable, but still active at church and responsible
- Comments - will others who are more active be frustrated about less recognizable faces on PC?
 - however, a person could always self-appoint if interested
- change 'appointed' to 'invited'? share recommendations and expectations first
- create application process to 'raise the bar' of being on PC?
 - difficulty in denying people, however
- decision to advertise in the bulletin - contact if interested in PC

Expectations of PC

- bend an ear towards parishioners
- how can we make ourselves more identifiable?
 - nametag, sash, etc.
 - agreed to nametags
- comment box - 'ask PC'
- PC members as a rotating presence at Welcome Table?
- improve our hospitality -
 - stand near ushers and introduce yourself at the end of mass
 - try different masses
 - move around!
 - rectory events!

What Cathedral events have best inspired community?

- Stations of the Cross and Simple Supper
- Night Fever Adoration
- Food Festival
- United in Prayer Ecumenical Service
- In Light
- Bike Race activities
- Visiting Concerts - Boys Choir well attended!

PC Responsibilities Sheet

- Continue trend in other committees

Retreat opportunity - Upper Room - retreat for cultivating leadership

- likely to be an excellent and professional opportunity!

- Formation budget can fund attendees
- Will, Laura, Jenna, Gigi already signed up

The Year of Mercy (sandwiched Jubilee Year and Year of Mercy)

- Bishop DiLorenzo at mass December 20th to designate the Jubilee door
- Social Justice Calendar - request for certain items each month to be donated to needy in the community; other ministries are welcome to add suggestions for other collections
 - make submissions to Chris Ferrara by end of November
- Request to post calendar in the back at Caritas board/cases
- Gift shop will look at relevant items for Year of Mercy

Five Year Goals

- Sign-ups available tonight - please list date and times available to meet
- Committees need to meet prior to next meeting - January 21st, be prepared to give update
- yellow highlights, actively working on

Calendar

- lots of activities, Nov. 12- Dec 26
- note blood drive in January (this is usually a time of shortage!)

Christian Formation Report - Highlights

- Tremendous success at VBS
- Adult Faith Formation advisory team alive and well!
- Reflections program - a well kept secret!
- Support Group for separated and divorced Catholics
- RCIA thriving! 26 members currently!