

## **Pastoral Council Meeting 5/12/16**

**Opening prayer** - personal intentions and intentions for the local & global church

**Name tags distributed** - please wear at upcoming activities/church masses

### **Five Year Goals - Updates from Chair Sub-Committees**

Acknowledge the liturgy as the central focus of our faith:

- Frequent question regarding location of the ramp to enter church - add extra signs/usher to help people navigate to liturgy
- Several requests regarding children's choir
- Consistency between people that serve on the altar

Comments:

- begin marking pews/spot for handicapped parishioners/visitors - mark handicapped signs with additional information, at least temporarily
  - Front pew, right transept, right side of center aisle
- Sub-committee will email Carl to ask for an usher stationed in the back & to make sure bulletins are available in parish hall
- Handicapped receive communion first as opposed to last
  - Jayne can add suggestions to EM guidelines

Support the ministries that will meet the needs of cathedral parishioners

- 17 volunteers
- Actively calling parishioners to determine needs of the sick
  - Requests for ride
  - People want to talk on the phone when we call!
- Results forthcoming at next meeting
- Hope to involve students next year for buddy/"grandchild"

Improve communication and collaboration through 21st century technology

- 7 social media accounts
  - Facebook and Instagram most popular
  - Twitter being followed by Catholic organizations
- Flocknotes - starting up this summer; similar to Constant Contact but much more user friendly
  - Can track committee members, register parishioners
  - Trial run this summer with RCIA
  - Efficient - i.e. text alerts
- Process of building mobile app - few glitches along the way - starting over
- Working on home access to mass - will require someone to be at mass to record - can do it as podcast, or live streaming

Assure all are welcome

- Looking to increase size of subcommittee - please send any names of people who might like to join
- Considering quarterly social for new parishioners
  - At rectory
  - Or ask current family to host in home
  - Make sure current members are available
  - Invite parish council members
- Welcoming Sunday - call members and invite them to a particular scheduled mass, then meet after
  - 25 year pin
- Suggestion to call new parishioners and say welcome, ask what ministries they'd like to join

#### Increased participation of parishioners in parish Life

- Keep record of volunteers on flocknotes
- Utilize community Sunday to advertise committees
- Lemonade stand to advertise committees and ministries
- Working with committees to develop descriptions
- CCM representation at parish council meeting
- Print calendar and post at back of the church

#### **Updates from Adult Formation**

- New program - Landings
  - Hilary Pryor and Mackenzie Grubbs
  - Paulist program for welcoming returning Catholics
- 30 people initiated into Church at Easter, currently 19 at the inquiry stage for next year
- Liturgy of the Hours - Wednesday at 7:30 AM
- Adult Advisory Team meeting May 24th to plan for upcoming year of speakers
- Just completed sacramental prep for 30 children

#### **Additional Topics**

##### **Service Projects**

Picnic - has enough - plenty volunteers! Set up at 8AM Sunday, June 5th

##### **VBS**

July 11-15 - can volunteer to come to one or any meetings!

Hoping for 70 registrants

Materials being recycled to Sacred Heart VBS - Knights of Columbus will transport

##### **CARITAS INTAKE**

Beginning June 18th - 3 PC council coordinators - please sign up to help during one of these weeks!

- Deacon Chris Malone - June 18-24
- Deacon Charles William - July 2-July 8
- Jim Dill - August 6-12

##### **Open House**

- Tentatively scheduled for October 8 & 9
- Need a committee/sub-committee to take on

**Pastoral Council additions and new nominees**

Welcome Jim Dill!

Please contact Monsignor Patrick if you have any ideas!

**Summer retreat, Thursday August 13th, at Richmond Hill!**

**5:30, attend chapel with community**

**Come join us in celebrating Monsignor's 20 year anniversary, May 18th at 11AM Mass.**

**Closing Prayer, Mike DeNoia**