

## **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

### **November 9, 2017**

#### **Dinner Table Discussion:**

Examine the mission statement: what makes us unique?

- Bishop's Church
- Location in the heart of the city
- Historic Church
- Ornate church
- Diverse in age and race, comparatively
  - More singles
- Commuter church - large geographical reach
- Not a majority "family" population congregation
- Tourists visit
- VCU connection/Campus Ministry
- Public fixture - (i.e. during Marathon, bike race)
- Set standards for music

#### **Sub-Committees/Goal Committees:**

Ideal that subgroups and goal committees meet on "off months" between PC meetings

- Need to appoint committee head
- Groups can have informal check-ins after mass, etc. if formal meetings are hard
- Is there a need to re-evaluate small groups? Do ppl wish to switch groups, need reminders, etc?

#### **Welcoming Committee:**

- Try moving welcoming receptions to after different mass times
- Broaden the range of ppl invited (parishioners within the last year rather than last quarter)
- Things we can do now (from Welcoming Ministry Suggestions)
  - Advertising in ShorTakes
  - Parking Ministry on Holy Days/Triduum
    - w/Safety Vest
    - Time and Talent
    - Tall sign for Diocesan events - can we pull out for special Masses?
- Parking maps with registration or welcome bags
- Make parking information/mass information at the top of *mobile* website
- Registration weekend every other month
  - During community Sunday?

#### **FY18 Goals:**

- Regarding Support Ministries...
  - Continue to pray for shut-ins; read names aloud in mass?
- Focus on "assure all are welcome"
  - Each of us has a responsibility to 'invite'

- Increased Participation of Parishioners in Parish Life
  - Adult Faith Formation improving!
    - Consistent, multiple, and diverse programs
    - Choosing programs that people can pick up with at any time
- Can we promote activities to other churches?
  - Continued use of Facebook

#### **Finance Committee Update:**

- Current focus on cost of replacing the organ
- Cathedral Foundation
- Objective of getting pledge cards back
  - About 10%
  - Recently, loose collection is increasing, while envelope total is decreasing
  - \*Donated money to Foundation not subject to Cathedraticum

#### **Cathedral Organ: (Carey Bliley)**

- A year and half ago, committee formed to examine the organ
- 1906 - but basically replaced in 1912
- 1931 - added to original organ - 1940 issues arise, organ rebuilt
- Every 25 years or so, organ needs heavy work
- Common theme - as work has been done on the organ, work has been done “around” the organ resulting in mess/chaos
- Three different restoration specialists have looked at organ
- Next steps
  - New organ = 4-5 year process
  - Organ consultant: Dr. Paul Thornock - St James In Seattle, WA
  - Working to educate parishioners