

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF December 13, 2011, MEETING
Corpus Christi Community, Round Lake NY**

Members Present: Carolyn DeSantis, John Hedley, Ed Hinrichs, Pat Malloy, Meg Mihalko, Nick Papa, Sharon Ryan, Kerry Stapleton, Bob Stockton, Mike Tidd, Mark York
Alternates and Others: Rev James Clark, Diane Marco, Mary Jo Brown, Rev. Michael Taylor, Debbie Blinstrub, Janet Mietlicki

1 Sharon Ryan opened the meeting with prayer, at 7 p.m.

2 Ministry Reports. Sharon reported that 264 people were fed at St. John-St. Anns, \$360 worth of food given at Christmas.

- **Youth.** An average of 25 teens have been present at meetings. 420 gifts were collected from the Giving Tree, distributed to 9 organizations. Other activities included sale of luminaries, blankets for Birth Right and nursing homes, midnight bowling 1/17, plan to update Youth Ministry on web site. Mary Mietlicki will be coming to talk about Social Justice issues, Living Stations 3/30. Santas Helpers was cancelled, due to lack of interest. They are hoping to do something with smaller children in the Spring. Presentation from NCYC will be Jan 7-8 at Masses.
- **Pastoral Care.** Jackie Connolly reported that we are continuing to visit homebound, etc., on weekly basis. Singles pot luck dinners are going well. Father Jim will be taking weekly Mass at Schuyler in January.
- **Evangelization.** Plans for Landings are proceeding. Amazing God retreat presented. Signs for visitors. Paul Wajda is chair of Evangelization Committee. Christian library: Father Clark has donated books to the library and moved them from storage on Ushers Road. The library has been dedicated to deceased members of the Hedley Family. We thank John Hedley for his donation of the bookcases to the parish.

3 Old Business.

- **Mission Statement for Council.** Both Pat and Kerry thought the one presented was too wordy. There was discussion of another proposed statement, which will be presented at the January meeting. Basically, the mission of the PC is to promote the work of the pastor in our community by advising the him, etc.
- **Ministry Appreciation Dinner.** Discussion of donation of prizes by Council members, marked for man or woman. Winners of games get a prize. We had about 50 prizes last time. There will also be door prizes.
- **Welcoming of New Members to Corpus Christi.** Pat Malloy and Phyllis McDonald are involved with this. They contacted a few other parishes to learn how they do it. There is a get together once a month, to which invitations are sent. New parishioners are encouraged to participate in ministries. Perhaps we should ask how they participated in their previous parishes. Pat and Phyllis are open to suggestions from the Council. Some ideas were to give them name tags to wear for awhile, to invite them to the monthly breakfast. Discussion of whether to contact people who have left parish. It was suggested that cards be sent telling them they are missed. Paula is working to purify our census.

4 New Business.

- **Council Member.** Laura Evoskevich has resigned to become more involved in other ministries. Pat Malloy will take her place until August. This also leaves an at-large slot on the Executive Council. Ed Hinrichs volunteered to do this.
- **Volunteers for Distribution of books/CDs at Christmas.** A Matthew Kelly book or CD will be given as gift to each family at Christmas Mass. Father asked for volunteers to help distribute these after Masses. (4 people after each Mass in church and the one in the hall.) We will be starting discussion groups after the New Year with the DVD. Janet said the youth could assist with putting on labels that Paula is making.
- **New Ministries.** It has been suggested that we start a Magdelina group for women ages 19-39. There is one at St. Ambrose. This is a world-wide movement. Father met some of the ladies at the Magdala breakfast and told them they would be welcome here if they care to split up their group. We are going to invite them to talk at our Masses. Sharon asked Michael if he could get information on Crassada, a mens group.

- **Father Jim's Report.** We now have keys for the Suggestion Box. A suggestion was received to have a 5:30 Mass. The requirement is that the church be ½ full to justify saying Mass on the weekend. Nick suggested that perhaps we should do a more extensive survey. Another suggestion was 5 p.m. on Sunday. Called to be Church had set times, but we have already changed that. We are going to start working more closely with **St. Marys**. We may do a pulpit swap with Father Cebula. You need 1 ½ hours between Masses if a priest is to cover two churches. A survey question might be, what do people do on Sunday night? We don't want to alienate the 4 p.m. Mass people.
- **Diversity Mass.** Some people want a little more sacred music than they are getting. A Mass for the hard of hearing was also mentioned. Mike Tidd noted that CSR offers courses over a 3-year period. Perhaps we should offer bilingual song. Father suggested that, perhaps after Mass, we meet with new people who have moved here for Global Industries employment. We might receive suggestions from them. Pat noted that some will only be here for one year.
- **Parish Appreciation.** Sharon introduced this idea, saying that it would be similar to Ministry Appreciation. Father suggested a Meet and Greet, perhaps on our feast day, June 10. That is one of the things we had on our survey. It would bring together people from different Masses. Father commented that is what the Knights' breakfast is doing.
- **Rectory?** Sharon had received a call asking why we need a new rectory. Father explained that there is no room for a visiting priest in the present rectory. It might be easy to sell the present town house rectory, which is close to Global Industries. Now is the time to buy real estate. He has mentioned it to the Bishop's office, but has not received any approval for this idea.
- **Parishioners.** Nick feels we need to get our finger on the pulse of what is going on. He saw a lot of people, formerly our parishioners, when he went to Mass for his mother-in-law at St. Edwards. Father noted that people are not tied to boundaries any more. There are a number of reasons—statues being brought in, supposed cliques, did not like idea of adoration, etc. Sharon noted that we are trying to do what we can.

7 Bob Stockton led us in the Closing Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT AT 8:32 p.m.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Brown, Recording Secretary