

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
Pastoral Council Minutes
October 1, 2007

Present: Chrissy Beaudoin, Mary Jo Brown, Rosemary Browne, Carol Eckert, Father Marty Fisher, Mike Hetz, Angela Krulls, Wendy Marino, Liz McNamara, Janet Mietlicki, Mary Mietlicki, Kelly Millington, Dick Tatro
Absent: Debbie Botch, Dick Cody, Doug Hampton, Dennis Klimek, Diane Marco, Lisa Partlow, Cindi Racette, Jack Robson, Sr. Sue Wieczynski

1 Opening: Mike listed the items included in tonight's agenda. The Mission Statement was read by all, as was the Prayer in Time of Change.

2 Youth Report: Mary Mietlicki commented on various youth activities. The 7th grade retreat is scheduled for October 20 from 5–11 p.m. The flyer is to go out this week. Possible events for the future: Hay ride, Lock-in. Fund raising is going well. The car wash netted \$161.25, Coupon Books \$500+, Spaghetti Dinner—over 100 people--\$774 after expenses. Mary thanked the Hospitality Committee for their help. Sister Sue will have a final report on what part of the parish donation for NCYC was earned. On October 26, there will be a Dance-a-thon, as a thank you to the parish and proceeds will go to charity.

3 Prayer: Kelly led us in the "Five Finger Prayer." Compliments were given for her choice of prayer.

4 Pastoral Council and Parish Community: Ideas for making Council members obvious to the community were discussed. Wear name tags at any church event. They will email Linda to ask about new name tags. Janet will email Jean Kemp about fixing spelling of names on the photo board. Kelly will contact Paula about an announcement in the bulletin. Rosemary suggested that Council members be outside after Mass so greeters may send people with questions over to them. Mike feels we should be sure to have some kind of consistent presence. Angela asked about an email account for the Council. Mike replied that there is only so much room for email accounts. Mel Denehan has the account and forwards mail to Mike. Father commented that a new phone system is being installed.
Summary: Name tags, Be visible after Mass.

5 Last Called to be Church - Liturgy: Luanne Hetz and Joan Haviland attended. There really were not a lot of surprises. This particular one was not as groundbreaking as others, but it was excellent. Everyone had a voice and had a lot to share. It really showed you that people love Liturgy, that it is the center of our faith. It was affirmation of what we do and why, and why it is important. Mike noted that one comment was, the more you know about your faith, the more meaningful the Liturgy. Some of the most significant Liturgical experiences were in small groups or DBS. All three parishes believe in small group sharing. (The 9 a.m. choir is a faith sharing group, sharing prayer after Mass every week. 11a.m. is similar. The Evangelization group meets on Wednesday just to pray together.) And congratulations to Kelly for gift of preparing prayer. Kelly commented that it is rewarding to meet and share. What a testament to the works we can and are doing for the Lord Jesus Christ! A real bond has been formed. Mike noted that there are very difficult decisions to be made, but the process is like praying. You don't get what you prayed for but what you need. The process has changed our hearts and the way we view the community. It is not just your faith but your tradition, and your tradition will change. Angela commented that the Liturgy is not about the individual. It is an instrument of evangelization. In her former parish, a presenter at a workshop said, If you use all that is available, you are going to have good Liturgy.

6 Next Called to be Church - Prayer and Devotion, Guide for Evaluating Popular Devotions: Kelly asked if Popular Piety is things like Stations of the Cross, Charismatic prayer groups, people gathering for scriptural prayer meeting, Centering prayer, Rosary, Divine Mercy Prayers, Novenas. Some have changed over time. Popular devotions were more important in the past because people did not understand the Liturgy as we do now. Father said that if it is enhancing the Liturgy, it makes sense. It can sometimes have a greater effect in a person's personal life. People get off balance. He is hesitant to make it a focal point in a parish. Sometimes, if not guided properly, it is blown all out of proportion. It gets disconnected from Mass. Liturgy should be the center of our Community. Mike commented that we will probably have less liturgy available.

Perhaps a tradition of popular piety will be built. If, for instance, the retreat becomes more important than the liturgy, we are in trouble. Somewhere it was said that it should not be used to divide us from other religions. People can become self-absorbed and self-righteous. In the 50s and 60s, the group became sort of cliquish. Mike thinks it is saying to be watchful, to be sure that the true center of our faith is Liturgy and Scripture. Angela - Whatever we do outside the Liturgy should enhance the Liturgy. Father - there is a uniqueness about devotion. What might work for someone may not work for you and that is okay. Kelly -- At times, we alienate our other Christian brothers and sisters with certain devotions.

7 Brochure: Announcement was made of the dinner/discussion by Father De Giovine on October 11 at St. Edward's.

8 Parish Convening: November 3, at CBA. Let Sister Sue know if you are interested in attending.

Adjournment at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Brown, Recording Secretary