

University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice
Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 30, 2003

Present: Robin Chin, Andrew Hill, Margaret Leathem, Vivien McNaughton,
Rosanne Rose, Bill Webster, Sue Gutmann

Absent: Nick Hernandez, Leah Smith, Rendell Torres, Martha Walsh, Fr. Ed
Kacerguis (on sabbatical)

Faith Formation

The meeting began with a reflection on the Luminous Mysteries

Parish Life Report

Margaret thanked everyone who had participated in the Holy Week and Easter activities and worship.

We are in the middle of the Bishop's Appeal. The theme is "Because we are called to love and serve."

The Formation for Ministry Program will be held locally beginning in September. This is a 2-year diocesan program to train individuals for ministry. Generally it is held one Saturday per month. It was mentioned that we already have some parishioners who completed this program but we do not know if their gifts were ever used.

Spring Enrichment will be held from June 2nd to June 5th. The April 10th issue of the Evangelist lists the wide variety of topics that will be offered. One of the instructors is Michael Dist.

The Annual Convening will be held on Oct. 25 at LaSalle.

Council members were asked if anyone would be interested in receiving a subscription to the Evangelist. Several members stated that they already had a subscription. Bill, Andrew, and Robin expressed interest. Members not present at this meeting will be canvassed as well.

It was suggested that Parish members might also be interested in subscribing. Perhaps sample copies of the paper could be made available for a few weeks.

Fr. Ed will be back on May 20th.

Fr. Jim Dolan's last Sunday morning Mass with us will be on the 18th; his last Sunday 5pm Mass on Mother's Day. He has done a great job in Fr. Ed's absence. It was suggested that we thank him at the coffee hour on Mother's Day.

Committees

1. Church Administration

Before the work of the committee can begin, more direction is needed. It is a blending of the Foundation and the Parish with some Finance thrown in. We need Fr. Ed's discernment. It will involve both long-range planning and keeping an eye on what we have and maintaining it.

2. Social Concerns

The Social Concerns Committee has met for the last time for the season. The next meeting will be in August.

New subcommittee chairs will be needed for the Food Bank/Food Pantry Collection and for the Christmas Baskets.

Kathy Spain is doing a phenomenal job in bringing Communion to the sick and homebound.

3. Hospitality

There is no Pastoral Council Member on the Hospitality Committee. It does not appear that Fran Hyde will want to chair that committee. She's a doer. The Committee needs to come up with a coordinated program for the coming year. Bill will ask Fran for a list of what has been done in the past and things that we could do.

4. Liturgy Committee

During Holy Week Margaret and Robin looked for people to invite to be on the Committee. Various people (Anne Cassidy, Mark Meahan, Kurt Meahan, and Donna Crone) were given Liturgical Source Books to read.

It's important to say who is around the table. We need representatives from Music, Eucharistic Ministers, Mass Coordinators as well as student Representatives (perhaps those involved in planning and presenting the Stations of the Cross).

Other

Some suggested that perhaps the Annual Report could be timed to be given out in October for the Annual Meeting of the Newman Foundation. Others felt that it should be given out sooner. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Election of Officers
Set up meeting schedule for next year.