

University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Wednesday, 2 November, 2005

Present: Fr. Ed Kacerguis, Marie Venaglia, Rosanne Rose, Christopher Rainey,  
Bill Webster, Ann Brinnitzer, Heather Scoffone, Brandon Graver,  
Lori Fowler, John Goslin, Mark Meehan, Suzanne Gutmann

Absent: Matthew Cusack

Faith Formation and prayer:

Bill led the Council in Evening Prayer.

Minutes:

The minutes of the October 5 , 2005 meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Pastor's Report:

- The Rensselaer Newman Foundation Board met on 21 October. The structure of the meeting differed from prior years by placing greater emphasis on the committees. There will be additional meetings of the Board during the year. The Board has called for a thorough review of the entire property over the next 3-4 months by an architectural consultant.
- The Halloween party was a great success, with over 60 participants. Thanks to the Newman Fellowship and Knights of Columbus for assisting with preparations and clean-up.
- Again this year, the parish will observe Thanksgiving with Mass and a simple dinner on Wednesday evening. There will also be sign-up sheets for families wishing to invite students to Thanksgiving dinner. Details in the bulletin.
- We are considering an update of the entire C+CC web site.
- Copies of the November St. Anthony Messenger will be made available. This is a special issue focused on Vatican II, what has happened since Vatican II, and the Church today. A vocabulary section provides basic current terminology.

Chaplain's Report:

- There was an open house for transfer students and high school juniors on 22 October.
- Pastoral planning continues in the deanery. Fr. Rodino has been reassigned from

St. Bonaventure to St. Judes. He will be replaced in 5 to 6 weeks.

Committee and Organization Reports:

*Faith Formation Committee (Marie)*

Participation in GIFT is growing. There are now 65 parishioners registered for the program. The next meeting will be held on 6 November, when the topic of discussion will be "Signs and symbols of Advent."

The book groups are also growing. There are now 6 participants in each group.

The cluster catechetical leaders are meeting monthly.

BAMOFF continues; Marie will complete her certification with the November session.

*Social Action (Marie)*

The committee met on 1 November. The mitten project will resume in December. The "Book of One's Own" project will also be re-introduced as a quarterly collection. Books will be sent to The Arc. Karen Campbell and Martha Walsh will coordinate the Christmas basket project this year.

*Newman Catholic Fellowship (Heather)*

The Parents weekend pie sale was a great success. All the baked goods were sold yielding over \$400 for Newman activities.

A Newman Fellowship t-shirt has been designed.

A spring retreat is being planned at Highland Falls.

Service projects: Food Bank in two weeks, Joseph House on 3 December, Camden, NJ during spring break.

Work continues on a Joint Christian meeting.

*Knights of Columbus (John)*

A pasta dinner is being planned for the Sunday before finals. Profits to be donated to the Tulane Newman Center.

A defensive driving course will be offered in 3 weeks as a fund raiser.

The Knights are planning on doing one, maybe two, Christmas baskets.

Other Business:

St. James School (Chris)

From their web site it is apparent that the school needs more modern computers. They also need funds to offer tuition aid, and to operate buses.

The Council viewed a portion of a video of Bishop Hubbard speaking on “The Mission of the Contemporary Parish.” In this address, the Bishop describes the characteristics of a vibrant parish. These will be the criteria by which the success of parishes will be measured as we progress into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.