

University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice
Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, 18 January, 2006

Present: Fr. Ed Kacerguis, Marie Venaglia, Rosanne Rose, Christopher Rainey, Bill Webster, Ann Brinnitzer, Brandon Graver, Matthew Cusack, Mark Meehan, Patrick Heider

Absent: Lori Fowler, Suzanne Gutmann, John Goslin

Faith Formation and prayer:

Ann led the Council in Evening Prayer.

Minutes:

The minutes of the December 7, 2005 meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Pastor's Report:

- We have reviewed our celebration of Christmas. It went very well, but it is unfortunate that most of the students miss these events. The Times Union published our schedule this year; I noticed a number of visitors.
- Our budget is tight this year, and the collection can be impacted by bad weather such as we experienced last weekend. Utility expenses are an area where everyone can help. Please be sure to turn off lights and turn down the heat when finished, especially in Hospitality House.
- With the concurrence of the Council, I wish to institute a new policy regarding daily Mass. When there is a funeral, that would be the only Mass for the day. This should not cause any problems as the parish is generally aware of when a funeral will occur. *[Secretary's note: This had previously been a topic of discussion at the April 2004 meeting, and has been considered by the Liturgy Committee.]* There was unanimous agreement.
- A pastor has been named for St. Bonaventure: George Fleming, who has spent a number of years serving three parishes in the North Country. The pastors of the cluster will meet soon to insure that our cooperation will continue.

Following Fr. Ed's remarks, the Council completed a Parish Evangelization Survey from the Diocese.

Chaplain's and Faith Formation Report:

- The annual Diocesan Retreat for Catechetical Leaders was held 12-13 January at the Mt. St. Alphonsus Retreat House in Esopus, NY.

- The Book Group met on 4 January to continue discussion of *The Cloister Walk* by Kathleen Norris. Starting in February, the group will meet at Hospitality House.

Chair's Report

- The first meeting of the new Parish Life Committee will be on 31 January. We are currently inviting potential members to that meeting.
- RCIA: we have one candidate for baptism and one for confirmation. There are several others who have expressed an interest.

Committee and Organization Reports:

Newman Catholic Fellowship (Patrick)

The Fellowship will continue to hold its meetings on Thursday, and to offer Sunday dinner at Hospitality House.

The annual bread sale will be the last week in March or the first in April. We are coordinating with Eric.

Other Business:

Council meetings during Lent:

This year there would be two meetings which would conflict with the Lenten Program. To avoid conflict, the Council will move its meetings to Tuesday evening, 7 March and 4 April. Bill will arrange for a room.

St. James School

A package of information has been received. We now have some pictures of the school and children. They can use our help to support remedial literacy programs. This will be a significant contribution. For many, their tribal language (there are 15 official languages in the area) is primary and English is secondary.