

APRIL/MAY 2008 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(4/30/08; 6:00-7:00 PM, C+CC Lounge)

<u>Present:</u>	Jim Brennan, Ann Brinnitzer, Harry Cooke, Wilson Crone, Lori Fowler (Chair), Joe Grimaldi, Fran Hyde, Fr. Ed Kacerguis (Pastor; left early following report), Mary Jo Sorrentino, Marie Venaglia (Chaplain), Brenda Williams
<u>Not Present (Excused):</u>	Frederick Gallo, Brandon Graver (Vice-Chair),
<u>Others Present</u>	David Dziewulski, Jacquie Fable, Paul Kraus, Marianne Monastero

The meeting began with prayer led by Mr. Brennan.

Pastor's Report:

- As previously indicated, Fr. Kacerguis has been appointed head of Campus Ministry for the Diocese, http://www.rcda.org/Offices/campus_ministry/contacts.html Campus ministry will be a priority for the diocese as reflected in a stable budget for next year. As a result of his travel for the Diocese, Fr. Kacerguis will need to cancel daily Mass on an occasional basis.
- Fr. Kacerguis reminded the Council that the parish and Campus Ministry are supported by the Annual Bishop's Appeal, http://www.rcda.org/Offices/bishops_appeal/index.html
- Special Mass for graduating RPI seniors will be held on May 15 before Graduation weekend. Mr. Brennan and the Parish Life Committee will be assisting with the following reception.
- Memorial Day weekend will be the beginning of the summer schedule with 5:15 PM Saturday and 10 AM Sunday services.
- The two-year "Called to Be Church" process, <http://www.evangelist.org/archive/htm7/0615call.htm> will be culminating in reports due to Bishop Hubbard on June 30, 2008.
- July 19: World Youth Day celebration at the C+CC will include Mass, picnic, Ryan Scott Band (Christian Rock) concert, <http://www.responseministries.org/> and simulcast from Australia.

Chair Report:

- Approval of April 2, 2008 minutes; Mr. Crone will forward to Jill Wishon, C+CC director, for posting.
- Following discussion, the following dates were discussed and scheduled for meetings in 2008/2009 (Note: both Fr. Kacerguis and Jill Wishon subsequently approved schedule and so posted on C+CC web site, <http://www.rpi.edu/web/C+CC/index.html>). Meetings will be at 6 PM in the C+CC Lounge.
 - September 10, 2008
 - October 8, 2008
 - November 12, 2008
 - December 3, 2008
 - January 14, 2009
 - February 11, 2009
 - (March 18, 2009: Council to attend as a group to Lenten Wednesday service)
 - April 22, 2009
- Ms. Fowler attended the Rensselaer Newman Foundation meeting on April 24, 2008, with its focus on investment and facilities update. Briefly, the roof project is nearing completion, but other building needs remain. The Council voted to accept the following as new members with a three-year term:

- David Dziewulski
- Jacquie Fable
- Paul Kraus
- Marianne Monastero
- Kelly Rigby
- Officers for 2008/2009. Following discussion and nominations, the Council voted to accept the following as officers for next year:
 - President; Brenda Williams
 - Vice-President; Joe Grimaldi
 - Secretary; Wilson Crone

Chaplain's Report:

- Pastoral Planning:
 - Following many meetings, the Faith Formation sub-committee should be submitting its report within the next week.
- Rensselaer and Parish meetings/programs:
 - April 19: traveled with five students to see Pope Benedict XVI in Yonkers at the Papal Youth Rally, <http://www.thetablet.org/04262008/youth.html>
 - April 22: Catherine Crone confirmation by Bishop Hubbard at St. Michael's Church (North Greenbush)
 - April 25/26: Relay for Life at RPI, joining the Newman Catholic Fellowship and the Brennans
 - May 7: The book group meet next week to discuss Religious Literacy by Stephen Prothero, <http://www.stephenprothero.com/> This book is appropriate, given the recent GIFT focus on creed.

Knights of Columbus Report (J. Grimaldi)

- April 21, last meeting for year. New Grand Knight will be Mr. Grimaldi, who will be undergoing training for the position in June.
- Ms. Venaglia will assist Mr. Grimaldi in contacting SUNY-Albany and HVCC regarding involvement of those campuses in the RPI Council.

Newman Fellowship Report (F. Gallo via W. Crone):

- April 18: bread baking raised \$430.
- April 25/26: Relay for Life at RPI, with over \$2,500 raised.
- May 1: last meeting (games night).
- May 3: last service project, with two components:
 - Plant flowers at the animal shelter
 - Indian Christian Fellowship joint meeting
- May 4: last Sunday dinner

Parish Life Committee (J. Brennan):

- No update; meeting to be scheduled.
- July 19 World Youth Day may be an event to include under the umbrella of the Parish Life Committee.

The meeting concluded with prayer led by Mr. Brennan.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone