

JANUARY 2009 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(1/14/09, 6:00-6:50 PM, C+CC Lounge)

<u>Present:</u>	Harry Cooke, Wilson Crone, David Dziewulski, Jacquie Fable, Frederick Gallo, Paul Kraus, Joe Grimaldi, Fr. Ed Kacerguis (Pastor), Marianne Monastero, Kelly Rigby, Marie Venaglia (Chaplain), Brenda Williams (Chair)
<u>Excused</u>	Jim Brennan, Fran Hyde

The meeting began with prayer led by Ms. Williams.

Chair Report:

- Approval of December 3, 2008 minutes with a minor correction. Mr. Crone will incorporate the change and send the corrected minutes to Jill Wishon for posting on the C+ CC web site.

Pastor's Report:

- Christmas season: Many visitors, with anecdotal comments of appreciation. Unfortunately, the series of weekend storms since mid-December has otherwise dampened attendance and donations.
- Ice storm damage affected Tom Phelan Place property and subsequent tree removal. Silver maples on the C+CC property on Burdett Avenue were also affected by storms.
- Lenten Speakers program at C+CC will be a focal point for the Diocese, given its early publicity.
- "Called to BE Church" notification of actions to be available on 1/17/09. Given that a number of parishes in the City of Troy will be likely be closed or merged, Fr. Kacerguis asked that the Council (and parishioners at large) be prepared to listen to and accept visitors.
- The parish will hold to its published Mass schedule until June 2009.
- Campus Ministry has been a special focus of Bishop Hubbard, and there will be a focus on campus outreach, especially community colleges beyond Hudson Valley Community College, which is already connected. Upcoming Campus Ministry meeting with Elizabeth Simcoe on 2/8/09.

Chaplain's Report:

- 1/14/09: book group discussion on homilies and liturgies from Pope Benedict XVI (*God is Near Us*). Next month will be Graham Greene (*Monsignor Quixote*).
- 1/21/09-1/23/09: Diocesan Retreat at Mt. St. Alphonsus Retreat House in Esopus, NY (<http://www.visitthemount.com/>). This is an annual retreat sponsored by the Diocese of Albany for those in catechetical ministry and is a part of the certification process for catechetical leaders.
- 2/1/09: GIFT: Matrimony and Holy Orders.

Knights of Columbus Report (J. Grimaldi):

- 1/20/09: first meeting of term. Roughly \$150 was raised by the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets to raise funds for Emmaus House donations.
- 2/14/09: Alumni gathering at Big Red Freakout.
- Upcoming: Expired medication disposal drive, to bring to a chemical facility for proper disposal.

Newman Fellowship Report (R. Gallo):

- Christmas season: Fellowship assisted with Christmas basket outreach.
- 1/8/09: Fellowship Labyrinth used for outside group retreat. The Labyrinth has been repaired, but with use, the taped path does wear and will need updating as well.
- 1/15/09: informal gathering at Mr. Gallo's house.
- 1/18/09: first Sunday meeting with changeover of officers.

Parish Life Committee (M. Venaglia):

- 1/19/09: Ladies' Candlelight dinner, with RPI senior (and active Newman Fellowship officer) Lisa Muscanell as featured speaker.

The meeting concluded with prayer led by Ms. Williams.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone