

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

Present: Fr. Ed Kacerguis, Marie Venaglia, Rosanne Rose, Bill Webster, Leah Smith, Matt Kosara, Heather Scoffone, Robin Chin

Absent: Rendell Torres, Sue Gutmann, Andrew Hill, Matthew Cusack, Mark Meehan

Faith Formation and prayer:

The meeting opened with evening prayer, led by Marie.

Minutes:

The minutes of the February 2, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report:

- The Lenten Wednesday program is an excellent experience for the parish, students and many visitors.
- On Saturday, 6 March the RPI Knights of Columbus Chapter will receive its charter at the 5:15 Mass. A reception will follow.
- The parish will welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor on Palm Sunday for their annual appeal.
- At 5:00 pm on Thursday, 19 May, during Senior Week on campus, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for the graduates and their families.
- The fall 2005 Family Weekend will be 14-16 October. We are currently planning a coffee hour on Sunday morning and a wine/cheese reception Saturday evening. Do we want to have any other activities?

Chaplain's Report:

- Marie took part in the RPI Health and Wellness Fair, sponsored by the Health Office
- Books for the Lenten Series will be available for sale.
- Spring Enrichment will be held on June 6-10. Richard Rohlheiser, author of *Holy Longing*, will give the keynote address.

Chair's Report:

- The ministry sign-up sheet is being reviewed with all the committees to insure that it represents current activities and needs.
- Rosanne is communicating with other pastoral councils, and is planning on visiting some of their meetings.

Committee and Organization Reports:

Faith Formation Committee (Marie)

- "Safe Environment" workshops for Grades 1-10 are scheduled for 6 March, to come into compliance with diocesan guidelines. Terri Kersch will work with Grades 5-10; Fran Hyde with Grades 1-4.
- Marie is meeting with faith formation personnel in our cluster and deanery. Whole community catechesis is being discussed.
- There will be a program of lenten activities for Faith Formation students on 13 March.

Social Concerns Committee (Marie)

- Karen Armstrong will contact Joseph House to see what their needs are, and how we can be of assistance to them.
- Easter flowers will be distributed under the direction of Kathy Spain. Volunteers are needed to assist in this work.

Liturgy Committee (Robin)

- There will not be a communal penance service prior to Easter. Father will be available for the sacrament on Monday evening 21 March, while the labyrinth is set up.
- A Healing Mass (Sacrament of the Sick) and another Teaching Mass are being planned.
- The next meeting of the Committee will be on 14 April

Newman Catholic Fellowship (Heather):

- Newman will be preparing 30 Easter baskets for Joseph's House using funds from the bake sale.
- Newman worked at the Food Bank last Saturday (26 February).
- The retreat on 26 February was an excellent group building experience. Another retreat is being planned for the fall.

- There will be a visit to the SUNY Albany Newman Club in April.

Knights of Columbus (Matt Kosara)

- The Charter will be presented after Mass on Saturday, 5 March.
- The membership drive will continue
- An event is being planned with Joseph's House. The Knights will probably prepare a meal late March or early April.
- Looking for ideas for appropriate activities around Columbus Day
- The web site will be located at www.koc.union.rpi.edu, and should be on line soon.

Other Business:

Parish Survey: The goal is to be ready to conduct the survey by 10 April. We need to check the public school schedule, and avoid the weekends around the spring break. Parishioners may be traveling on those weekends.

Pastoral Council Membership: The discernment meeting will be held on Monday, 7 March. Rosanne will speak at the Sunday Masses this weekend.