

University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Present: Vivien McNaughton, Rosanne Rose, Bill Webster, Fr. Ed Kacerguis, Robin Chin, Rendell Torres, Andrew Hill, Margaret Leathem, Rebecca Lamb, Martha Walsh, Leah Smith

Absent: Sue Gutmann

Pastor's Report:

Clustering – We are clustering with Our Lady of Victory and St. Bonaventure's in Spiegeltown. Fr. Ed has met with Fr. Patterson and Fr. Rodino to discuss how the cluster can work together.

The present Sunday Mass schedule will remain as is: it has enough flexibility to allow for emergency coverage by clergy in the cluster. Our daily Mass schedule will also be maintained, except for when Fr. Ed is on vacation; at that time there will be no daily Mass and no Communion service.

Fr. Ed, Ed Spain, Katie Haviland, Chad Helm, and one Pastoral Council Member will represent us on the Cluster. They will continue to look for ways in which we all can work together. One way in which we may be able to contribute is through our Adult Faith Formation activities.

We did well on the October Mass attendance count. Our numbers are a little inflated because the numbers collected reflect Parent's weekend. A more honest number would be 2,500 people/month with 650 - to 680 people/weekend.

In support of our Bishop, in addition to displaying his picture, a card will be available for people to sign.

Committee Reports:

Social Action

Martha indicated that there will continue to be a collection of hats and mittens – they are still needed.

Recruitment Committee

Those interested in serving on the Liturgy and Hospitality Committees have been identified. Rosanne will be scheduling initial committee meetings shortly.

Newman Fellowship

The annual bread sale will be held the weekend of February 21 and 22.

The labyrinth will be out 3 evenings during Lent from 7 to 10:
March 2, March 19, and March 29.

They are working on getting together with other religious groups on campus and other Newman fellowships in the area.

They will be working at the food bank on March 27

Annual Call for Council Members

Because Vivien and Martha's terms are expiring, we have two vacancies on the council. Informational Meetings will be scheduled and announced in the bulletin. Bill will run the meetings and others can join as they can. Bill will also schedule a meeting for Discernment.

Getting to Know You Sunday

There was some lack of organization and communication at the 5 PM Mass. Some students also had a large project due the next day. Those who did stay really enjoyed it.

The nametags were well received. It was suggested that we give people nametags before Mass when we have the Welcome Picnic. That way more people can get to know one another.

Fr. Ed challenged us to think outside of the box and look at the traffic pattern. People leave the sanctuary and head for the front door while everything else is around the font. Why not put up a heated tent outside the front door in the winter. That way we will go with the traffic, create a bottleneck and perhaps get more people to join in.

Other

Rendell suggested that we continue to display photo montages of what we are doing.