

University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice
Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 1, 2004

Present: Bill Webster, Robin Chin, Rosanne Rose, Fr. Ed Kacerguis, Sue Gutmann,
Mark Meehan, Rendell Torres, Leah Smith, Andrew Hill, Rebecca Lamb

Absent: None

Faith Formation: Rendell led a reflection on prayer.

Pastor's Report:

- Matt Kosara and the forming council of Knights of Columbus are in charge of the parish picnic this year. In addition to the usual activities, there will be live music.
- Ann Brinnitzer will coordinate religious education on a temporary basis until we find a new resident Catholic chaplain.
- Each year all first year students are sent a religious preference card by the university. The cards for the Catholic students are forwarded to us and we send them a letter of welcome and a green sheet asking them to register for the parish. Returning students are also sent a letter asking them to reaffirm their parish membership. It is Canon Law that when you are asked to be a sponsor, you are required to produce documentation indicating that you are a baptized practicing Roman Catholic. If Fr. Ed doesn't know a particular student or if the request comes into the office while Fr. Ed is away, Mary can use the Parish registration forms to produce the letter.
- Margaret's resignation was effective July 1st. She is now part-time chaplain at Sage.
- We are searching for someone to work part time in the office.
- The project at Sacred Heart Church has ended. Reg Cawcutt, the retired Aux Bishop who spearheaded this effort, has been reassigned due to a severe shortage of priests. We have been asked to assist St. James RC Primary School which is in need of funds. The Council unanimously endorsed this new project.
- Picnic on the Patio. We had good food and then Wei-Jen Yuan, an internationally acclaimed pianist, presented a concert. He will come back next summer
- Cluster Activities. Everyone was happy with the pulpit exchange. The rotation will occur again in January.

Committee Reports:

Liturgy Committee:

- Because our local environs and events here take away from the big celebration on Thanksgiving Day, the Liturgy Committee suggested that on the Wednesday evening before we have Mass at 6:15, followed by a simple meal consisting of soup, salad, nice bread and dessert. The price of admission will be one can of non-perishable food. There will then be no Mass on Thanksgiving Day.
- In order to capture the fact that holy days are holidays, the committee suggested that next year on Ascension Thursday and the feast of the Immaculate Conception, there be a 7 PM Mass followed by wine and cheese.

Social Action Committee:

- Katrin St. John has agreed to take on the Social Action Committee. Fran Hyde has offered to take responsibility for the collection of food and money. We still need to have a representative from the Pastoral Council on the Social Action Committee.

Newman Catholic Fellowship:

- Rebecca shared a schedule of the upcoming activities of the Newman Catholic Fellowship. It will be posted on the bulletin board.

Selection of Officers:

The following officers were selected for 2004-5 :

Rosanne Rose – Chair
Andrew Hill – Vice-Chair
Bill Webster – Secretary

Other:

- The Parish Convening will be held Sat. Oct. 30th at LaSalle. Bill will send council members the e-mail link to the Convening website so that members could decide which workshops to take. Registration forms should be returned at the next council meeting.
- A concern was raised that only a small number of students who do not go home for the holidays sign up to be hosted by parish families. One reason may be that they are uncomfortable using sign up sheets because the public at large can see it. In order to address this they will also be able to email their request.
- Goal for the upcoming year – formation of the Hospitality Committee.