

DECEMBER 2010 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(12/8/2010, 7:00-7:25 PM, C+CC Lounge)

<u>Present:</u>	Fr. Edward Kacerguis (Pastor), Matt Callaghan, Harry Cooke, Wilson Crone, David Dziewulski, Fran Hyde, Philip Maas, Paul Kraus, Nicholas Wengrenovich
<u>Excused</u>	Jacqueline Fable, Brenda Williams

Fr. Edward Kacerguis opened the meeting with prayer.

Chair Report (W. Crone for B. Williams):

- Roll call.
- Minutes from the November meeting approved as amended.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Kacerguis):

- 12/6/10: "Bishop Nicholas" (Dick Harte) visit. Items intended for distribution at that time will be available later in December, hence allowing the opportunity for children gifts following the family Christmas Eve service.
- A number of ongoing musical performances at the C+CC during Advent, with New York Catholic Chorale on 12/12/10, Student Music Ministry 12/16/10.
- Jean Francois continues to coordinate Christmas Baskets as well as other Christmas donations, e.g., Price Chopper gift cards, through Unity House (<http://www.unityhouseeny.org/>). There is support outside the parish as well, such that the C+CC has strong representation proportional to the size of the parish.
- Given the dates of the Christmas season this year, students will not see the C+CC in Christmas setting, and instead return to ordinary time.
- Generally speaking, baptisms and First Communion celebrations are tied in with feast days at the C+CC for liturgical emphasis, e.g., an upcoming First Communion scheduled for Epiphany.
- Lent will start late (Ash Wednesday is 3/9/11), but will be full of activities at the C+CC, with Lenten Wednesday series (highlighted in the November Pastoral Council minutes), Pysanky egg workshop, Labyrinth walks, Reconciliation service.
- Two of the Pastoral Council dates will occur during Lent, with a final meeting scheduled for May as a result.

Knights of Columbus Report (P. Maas):

- Nominations for officers distributed, with vote upon return after January break, e.g., Grand Knight will be graduating in May.
- Offer of Christmas magnets for the parish; sales slow for this last batch.

Newman Fellowship Report (N. Wengrenovich):

- 12/2/10: Emmaus House visit (<http://albanycatholic.blogspot.com/2006/11/emmaus-house.html>)
- 12/9/10: Christmas basket preparation, with delivery 12/10 to family.
- 12/13/10: bell ringing for Salvation Army at Brunswick Wal-Mart
- 12/14/10: caroling at Little Sisters of the Poor
- 12/16/10: fundraising at Student Music Ministry concert for local charity
- Spring retreat at the Priory Retreat House (<http://prioryretreathouse.org/>)
- Changeover of officers will occur in the second week of February, given the extended January break.
- Mr. Callaghan and Ms. Fable will remain at-large members of the Pastoral Council until their respective graduations.

Parish Life (NR):

- No progress with selection of new chair; Fr. Kacerguis will re-approach former chair Jim Brennan.
- Many parishes have formal organized programs, but at the C+CC, social outreach by parishioners take on many forms, e.g., bell ringing for Salvation Army, a traditionally Protestant group, Relay for Life through the American Cancer Society, etc.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Fr. Kacerguis.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone