

## DECEMBER 2007 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(12/5/07; 6:00-7:10 PM, C+CC Lounge)

<u>Present:</u>	Jim Brennan, Ann Brinnitzer, Wilson Crone, Lori Fowler (Chair), Joe Grimaldi, Fran Hyde; Fr. Ed Kacerguis (Pastor), Lisa Muscanell, Mary Jo Sorrentino, Marie Venaglia (Chaplain), Brenda Williams
<u>Not Present:</u>	Harry Cooke, Brandon Graver

The meeting began with prayer led by Ms. Sorrentino.

### Chair Report:

- Approval of 11/14/07 minutes as amended. Mr. Crone will forward to Jill Wishon, C+CC director, for posting on web site.
- No formal report, but did want to point out that one can donate through the C+CC Web site (<http://www.rpi.edu/web/C+CC/>) or set up scheduled electronic donations. Such an option could be highlighted on both bulletins and annual registration forms.

### Pastor's Report:

- 12/4/07: ~fifteen parishioners involved in Clothe-a-Child at the Houston Field House; dollar totals pending.
- It was noted that the parish has a significant elderly population, although there is an overall student focus.
- The annual budget (September to September) is currently on target.
- Roof repairs are ongoing, with the active involvement of the Rensselaer Newman Foundation.
- 11/21/07: ~ fifty participants in the C+CC Thanksgiving program.
- With Christmas services coming up, the Council was reminded about activities following the Mass of Deepest Night.
- Daily Mass attendance is roughly five people, as a number of previously regular attendees have either died or have difficulty with attendance.
- As highlighted in continuing articles in the *Evangelist*, pastoral planning continues, including rearrangement of clusters of churches in the Troy area that Christ Sun of Justice is involved with: [http://www.rcda.org/called\\_to\\_be\\_church/index.html](http://www.rcda.org/called_to_be_church/index.html)

### Chaplain's Report:

- Meetings attended since last Pastoral Council Meeting included the following:
  - Pastoral Planning: local Planning Group meeting @ St. Michael's
  - Campus Minister's Gathering @ SUNY-Albany
  - World AIDS Day @ RPI Union
- GIFT was held on 12/2/07.
  - Focus: "I believe in Jesus Christ, born of Mary" with "Baby shower for Jesus" items for Christmas gift basket and personalized cards made for shut-in members of the parish.
  - Next Gathering: 2/3/08.
- Book Group completed its discussion of *Abraham* by Bruce Feiler on 12/5/07.
- The local Planning group held an overnight retreat for high school students 11/30/07-12/1/07 over at St. Jude's, with C+CC representation.
- Confirmation for parish members will be done in conjunction with St. Michael's in late spring.

Newman Fellowship Report (M. J. Sorrentino):

- Newman Fellowship activities included the following:
  - 11/15/07: preparation of cards for shut-ins.
  - 11/17/07: work at the Albany Food Bank.
  - 11/29/07: questions and answers with Fr. Ed.; Joseph House raffle.
- With revenues from October pie baking, the following items were donated:
  - \$100 Price Chopper gift card to Emmaus House.
  - Family basket through the parish Christmas basket program.
- These will be the last meetings of the term. During a retreat at Hospitality House on 1/18/08-1/20/08, new Newman Fellowship officers will be elected.

Knights of Columbus Report (J. Grimaldi)

- Contributed to campus poster of “Keep Christ in Christmas.”
- Generated ~\$175 from the defensive driving course, so able to collect more over-the-counter medications for Emmaus House, including bulk items, e.g., from Sam’s Club, to deliver at the beginning of the new term.
- 1/26/08-1/27/08: reunion with past members.

Parish Life Committee (J. Brennan):

- Parish Life Committee will meet on 12/6/07.
- 1/21/08: Ladies’ Candlelight dinner.

The meeting concluded with prayer led by Ms. Sorrentino.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone