

NOVEMBER 2008 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(11/12/08, 6:00-6:50 PM, C+CC Lounge)

<u>Present:</u>	Jim Brennan, Harry Cooke, Wilson Crone, Jacquie Fable, Fran Hyde, Paul Kraus, Joe Grimaldi, Fr. Ed Kacerguis (Pastor), Marianne Monastero, Kelly Rigby, Marie Venaglia (Chaplain), Brenda Williams (Chair)
<u>Excused</u>	David Dziewulski, Frederick Gallo

The meeting began with prayer led by Ms. Venaglia.

Chair Report:

- Approval of October 8, 2008 minutes with a minor correction. Mr. Crone will incorporate them and send to Jill Wishon for posting on the C+ CC web site.

Pastor's Report:

- 10/17-10/19/08: Family Weekend. Very large crowd noted at the Chapel during the weekend events, e.g., Masses and Wine and Cheese reception. In addition, there were numerous anecdotal positive responses from parents as well.
- 10/24/08: Committee of 100. The architect of the C+CC and the director of the building committee were honored. With respect to the building, ongoing efforts from John G. Waite Associates (<http://www.jgwaarchitects.com/>) include re-pointing of all of the cinderblocks.
- 11/14/08: Clothe-A-Child. Members of the parish and of the Rensselaer Newman Fellowship will help to raise money at the RPI-Princeton hockey game.
- 11/26/08: Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving and Christmas fliers will be distributed.
- Ongoing: Called to be Church. Materials are due to the Bishop in December, with a response anticipated in January. Fr. Kacerguis reiterated that reorganization is occurring at all dioceses, not just the Albany Diocese.

Chaplain's Report:

Meetings and RPI Events:

- 10/11/08: Rensselaer Medalist's Day.
- 10/17/08: Honor Convocation and Family Weekend.
- 11/1/08: additional Open House.

Faith Formation:

- 10/23/08: in-service program for catechists at St. Joseph's Parish in Rensselaer.
- 10/28/08: deanery meeting.
- 11/2/08: second GIFT session, with topics of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
- 11/4/08: gathering of catechetical leaders.
- 11/5/08: book group discussion on homilies and liturgies from Pope Benedict XVI.
- Ongoing: meetings at the Diocesan Pastoral Center to plan for a county-wide Advent series which will take place on the Wednesdays of Advent. This program is being sponsored by our local deanery as well as Catholic Charities and the ARISE program.
- Ongoing: Photo collection of the C+CC, as these have been scattered, and found after extensive searching. An archive will be established, as these include contemporaneous newspaper articles.

Knights of Columbus Report (J. Grimaldi):

- 10/17/08: Family Weekend work in conjunction with the Rensselaer Newman Foundation.
- 11/8/08: Defensive driving course this past weekend.
- Upcoming items:
 - Keep Christ in Christmas magnets have come in, will sell after Masses next two weekends, to raise funds for Emmaus House and Joseph's House.
 - OTC medication items for Joseph's House.

Newman Fellowship Report (J. Fable):

- 10/30/08: Paul Delio from Joseph House described a new service opportunity, with downtown Troy churches acting as overflow shelters. Each participating church will open for a month at a time, with approximately 10 people there every night anticipated. RNF students will be trained. One staff member from Joseph House and two volunteers will be present at night. The most likely attendees will be men, as funding formulas for Joseph's House are directed towards families.
- 11/9/08: a second trip to Emmaus House in response to demand, in order to visit and assist with dinner.
- 11/15/08: Albertus Magnus dinner, with the Fellowship hosting. Roughly thirty faculty and their spouses members invited, with a third likely attending.

Parish Life Committee (J. Brennan):

- 11/16/08: Albertus Magnus Weekend. Engineering Professor Michael Jensen will preach at all Masses.
- Ongoing: Parish registered membership, with families ± 150, students 200 or more. Diane Waters is following up with religious preference cards, green sheet forms. The religious preference cards are of use when emergencies arise. The Chaplain's office keeps track of all religious preference cards, as Fr. Kacerguis is coordinator of religious affairs.

The meeting concluded with prayer led by Ms. Venaglia.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone