

DECEMBER 2008 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(12/3/08, 6:00-6:45 PM, C+CC Lounge)

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

The meeting began with prayer led by Ms. Rigby.

Chair Report:

- Approval of November 12, 2008 minutes with minor corrections. Mr. Crone will incorporate them and send to Jill Wishon for posting on the C+ CC web site.
- 12/10/08: Provincial House (Sisters of St. Joseph) performance by Tim Janis (http://www.csjalbany.org/cms-images/Newsline%20Fall%202008_lo%20rez.pdf)

Pastor's Report:

- 9/1/08: Financial Year that completed in September went well. The Rensselaer Newman Foundation money did not have significant stock exposure, and hence decrease, during the recent market decline.
- 11/26/08: Thanksgiving service went well.
- 12/2/08: Memo from Fr. Michael Farano (Vicar General of the Diocese) detailing disposal of church property during the "Called to be Church" process, with emphases of storage, respect, and if possible, secondary use of items from closed parishes.
- 12/7/08: Richard Harte coming to 10:30 Mass as St. Nicholas.
- 12/8/08: Immaculate Conception; Holy Day of Obligation (no Vigil Mass at the Chapel)
- 12/13/08: Penance Service at the Chapel, 11 am
- 12/24/08 to 1/11/09: Christmas schedule and special worship aide prepared

Chaplain's Report:

Faith Formation:

- 12/3/08: Book Group, reading *The New Year's Quilt* (Jennifer Chiaverini) before returning to the writing of Pope Benedict.
- 12/3/08 until 12/17/08: Advent Series at Our Lady of Victory Parish.

Knights of Columbus Report (D. Dziewulski):

- December 2008: Third Degree meeting with college council (joint with other colleges in the area), with approximately fourteen involved from the RPI chapter.
- Ongoing 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 and Price Chopper gift cards (from magnet fundraising) for Emmaus House, as they support approximately 30 families.

Newman Fellowship Report (R. Gallo):

- December 2008 plans before semester end:
 - Christmas basket support, with drop off during study days
 - 12/4/08: last meeting, with games night.
- Upcoming meal with Fr. Ed and officer's meeting.

Parish Life Committee:

- No report

The meeting concluded with prayer led by Mr. Kraus.

Submitted By: Wilson Crone