

St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council

October 11, 2011

Present: Pat Barga, Jim Myers, Rich Hadden, Paul Myers, Ann Kolb, Mike Treadway, Gloria Brubaker, Deb Shiverdecker, Randy Ayyette, Cheryl Leugers, Joe Badell, Tom Batty, Ann Obringer, Father White, Deacon Graber, Elizabeth White

Absent: Brian Hunt, Jim Beyke, Vernon Rosenbeck, Sandy Hoying

Opening Prayer – Joe Badell

Minutes – The minutes from the September meeting were approved via the normal email process. Please remember to check your email and respond in a timely manner for voting.

Pastor's Report – Father White has received the newly revised Roman Missal. It appears to be much more reverent in its wording and design. Vernon is attending a meeting in Sidney on the direction of Catholic Schools being presented by Dr. Jim Rigg. The meeting is discussing the *Lighting the Way: A Vision for Catholic Schools* report. The report can be found on the Diocesan website (<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org>) under Education.

GLORY – JEDI member Elizabeth White attended the meeting and gave an overview of the activities in which the group has been recently involved. There was a booth setup at Prairie Days where they brought in approximately \$300. Thanks to all who attended and supported the booth. The group participated in the Chain of Life that was held on Sunday, October 2nd. The group sold cupcakes and were able to make a \$287 donation to the Pregnancy Help Center. There was recently a weekend campout at the Pequinot Family Woods for the group, a fun time was had by all that attended. The group also went to Covington and played volleyball with Alan Capasso's youth group and then launched a Rosary made of balloons into the sky after praying the Rosary. There will be a fundraising car wash October 16 at Super Wash in Greenville from 1pm – 4pm. Please support our GLORY youth! Rake & Run is coming soon, sign up in the vestibule. The March for Life planning has begun. They're trying to get a bus again this year, but it is very costly. Looking for ways to help send our youth with as little out of pocket expense as possible. Would like to find a way to fund this for them – ideas of a 50/50 at the brunches and possibly doing some fundraising at a K of C Fish Fry. The expected cost is approximately \$100 per person. If you can afford to give for this, please help out our youth or if you are able to attend yourself, it's a marvelous and truly blessed experience.

Rosary Altar Society – The annual Bazaar is coming up on November 12th & 13th and donations are needed. Setup will be at 12:30pm on Friday afternoon. Flyers are available to post around town in businesses, contact Cheryl Leugers. There will be a lunch stand on Saturday.

Knights of Columbus – No report

Board of Trustees - 79 students are enrolled for this year. Saturday, October 22 will host a seminar for the board members and committee members of the school presented by Dave Ramey. This will be held at the Law Library from 9am to 3pm with a short break for lunch. The board approved a yoga class for the students being taught by one of our alumni, Emily Jasenski, at ElementsLife studio. A thank you card was presented to Pat Barga from the school for his hard work in creating the new SCRIP counter seen in the back of church.

Finance Commission – Collections are down approximately \$4,000 for the year. The parish is in the black and the school is also in the black. The majority of the tuition was paid up front, so as that money is absorbed by expenses, it's going to become very tight for the budget. Concerns were expressed about what next year's budget will look like with the continued decline in enrollment. Kathy Herzog has finished her annual report for the church.

Education Commission / Religions Education – The Advent Wreath Christmas project will be held after the Bazaar on November 13 by Monica Masso-Rivetti. There will be a lay ministry presentation on October 20 at 7pm for all ministries of the Parish. Coming Home weekend is October 21-23.

Old Business – Kathy is finishing up her classes on the electronic payments. Her last class is on helping others with this program and will be developing a manual should you wish to submit your collection payments electronically. Volunteers will be needed to test out the process. The current goal is to have this in place so that the option of electronic payments is available with the beginning of the new year. There was a discussion about the formation of a "Helping Angels" committee. A very lively and fruitful discussion ensued with the end result of a) starting off small and developing a specific focus for 2 or 3 services that can be offered, b) a coordinator / organizer will need to be solicited after the guidelines have been established, c) each member will contact other organizations in the community and surrounding areas to determine if there is a similar program and if so how it is run. Once the program has been established and the groundwork is solid, we can look at expanding the program. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

New Business – Gloria was kind enough to scan in and present us with a copy of the 2008 report from Dave Ramey which was reviewed at a high level. A question was asked as to whether the recommendations were being followed. The response was that the parish is complying, but that unfortunately the school's decline in registrations is an area that needs improvement. The principal and the many committees that put forth an effort to remedy this situation were commended for their hard work. Parish Brunches will be held on November 27 (sponsored by Parish Council, Education Commission & Finance Commission), February 26 (sponsored by Glory & PSR) and April 29 (sponsored by RAS & KofC). Paul Meyers is coordinating the annual food drive and plans to hand out the bags on the weekend of the Bazaar. Next meeting will have Pat Barga doing the opening prayer and Deacon Graber with the closing prayer. Tom Batty offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.