

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes
February 1, 2011

Present: Father Arnold, Father McLean, Chuck Steele, Art Minadeo, Laura Randazzo, Jennifer Schuberth, Rachel Barron, Maureen Roche, Pete Gobell, Lisa Sliker (ex-officio), Barb Smith and Clem Purcell

Absent: Bill Sharp, Adam Novotny and Bernie O'Neill

Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was given by Father Arnold.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the January 4th meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report:

Increasing parishioner involvement in the Life of the parish: Father Arnold distributed information about a stewardship program entitled "The Engaged Church". He emphasized an excerpt from "Growing an Engaged Church" which states that Gallup research shows that "spiritual commitment is an ultimate result of parishioner engagement." Father opened the floor to ideas about how we can reach out to our semi-core parishioners and get them more involved.

IDEAS:

1. Prepare a more user-friendly periodic calendar.
2. Actively engage in conversation with non-core parishioners, find out their talents and suggest appropriate ministries for which their talents would be beneficial.
3. Make a list of all of the talents involved in each ministry and try to match people up with the needs of our ministries.
4. Figure out groups in the parish that are not as active as they could be.
5. Add some additional programs, i.e. wellness program for elderly and programs for minorities.
6. Focus on what we already have and promote or advertise our ministries in a better way.
7. Have evangelization training for our core parishioners.
8. Make phone calls to our parishioners.
9. Identify people that are charismatic and can pull people in with their gift.
10. Use the round table to reach the leaders of each ministry.
11. Try to get the greeters to give information to parishioners about upcoming events. Chuck has a meeting scheduled with Jim Higgins and Tim Trask to discuss this and creating an information area in the narthex.
12. Update our ministry list. Barb will send out our current ministry list for additions and updates.
13. Form a Communications Committee to prepare an informational e-mail packet. Art agreed to organize the Committee but would need a technical team to help. Some suggested formats to consider are the Sailor Mail from Mt. de Sales Academy and the Home School e-mail. Clem and Jennifer will send examples of these to everyone for review.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 1st – 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Given by Father McLean