



Attendance

Parish Staff		Present	Parish Pastoral Council		Present
Pastor	Rev. Sean P. Horrigan	Yes	PPC Member 2014-2016	Herman Ayala	Yes
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Orrin Halepeska	Excused	PPC Member 2012-2014	Briz Garcia	Excused
Deacon / Parish Administrator	Phillip Jackson	Excused	PPC Member 2013-2015	Greg Gehrt	Yes
Parish Secretary	Charlotte Conner	Yes	PPC Member 2012-2014	Lynn Gondesen	Yes
Parish Adult Faith Formation	Dcn. Jack Alexander	Yes	PPC Member 2013-2015	Donna Heath	Yes
Parishioners			PPC Member 2013-2015	Ann Holub	Excused
			PPC Member 2012-2014	Kenneth Passmore	Yes
			PPC Member 2012-2014	Dan Ruvalcaba	Yes
			PPC Member 2014-2016	Brad Snyder	Yes
			PPC Member 2014-2016	Nancy Unverferth	Yes
			PPC Member 2013-2015	Lisa Veenstra	Yes
			PPC Member 2014-2016	Mark Whetstine	Yes

Opening

- Meeting began at 8:04PM
- Opening prayer: Herman Ayala

Open Forum

- No parishioners in attendance to address the Council.

Visit from Parish Business Manager

- Deacon Jack Alexander, Parish Adult Faith Formation Director, shared his duties and responsibilities as director of Adult Faith Formation and RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult*) with the council.
 - Julie Cook serves as RCIA Staff Coordinator working with 30 team members. This ministry team goes on semi-annual retreats to plan the material to be presented at the RCIA meetings 6 months at a time; carefully plan topics to ensure youth and adult sessions parallel. Quarterly, the whole team meets for formation and team building.

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- RCIA at one time was offered only for nonbaptized persons, but now also welcomes those of other faiths who seek to join the Catholic Church. Also very often works on convalidation of marriages
- RCIA can begin any time of the year; it is a year round process.
- Currently 130 people are involved in some phase of RCIA; 40 adults Wednesday nights; 20 youth in Inquiry. Interviews are conducted two times a year to see if the RCIA candidates are spiritually ready to progress to the next phase held Sunday mornings. During 9:00am Mass, candidates are dismissed from the general assembly to study/break open the Word before Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- Inquiry on Wednesday nights allows participants to ask questions and begin to develop relationship with Jesus and Catholic Church
- Catechumen Phase for those not baptized; and Acceptance Phase for those who have been baptized.
- 3rd phase is Sacramental Prep for the reception of their sacraments at Easter. Goal of this phase is more intense personal relationship and life style commitment.
- 4th phase is Mystagogy ("interpretation of mystery") is the final period of RCIA. During this phase the meaning of the Sacraments is explained to those who have newly received them.
- RCIA Candidates are received into the Church on the feasts of Christ the King and Divine Mercy Sunday. Easter Vigil is reserved for those who seek baptism.
- Moving away from academic form of RCIA to a deeper understanding of who God is and relationship with Jesus as disciples.

Topic of Adult Faith Formation Ministry was postponed; will be presented at a future meeting.

Information Sharing

- Parish Update:
 - CtR School--Registration exceeding projections: Open house Oct 16th; nice publicity; 5th grade targeted for next year; gathering info for 6th grade for next year; Father Sean et all are carefully discerning whether to add 6th grade next year.

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- Grassy Playing Field for Parish pending; gathering additional bids
 - Audit of Parish and School—Fr. Sean notified the Archdiocese will conduct an audit of CtR in Oct 2014
- Parish Needs and Action
- AC's Dripping in Large Church—Open Discussion; high priority with manufacturing firm and Greg Gehrt's firm
 - Lighting issues in parking lot; Dcn. Phillip working with Centerpoint energy
 - Desire to hire front desk receptionist for School during school hours; cost will be split between parish and school.
 - Framework for Lifelong Catechesis—children thru adults; separate and distinct sacramental prep for youth—2nd 3rd and youth. Children registered for RE and separately for sacramental prep for baptism and reconciliation (2 sessions for fall and spring) and confirmation
 - Stewardship Fair/Ministry Sign up in January 2015
- Express Concerns and Requests of Parishioners:
- Fr. Sean shared CAM update:
 - CAM and CtR relationship originated in 1990; continued after it became 5013c but maintained loose connection with CtR through the employment of Joan Christens as CtR employee; 60% of all donations from area churches came from CtR in the past. Question is what will be CtR's relationship with CAM in future? Review of CAM records indicated internal audit needed; Audit pending for October 2014. Kelly Thomas interim director. Preparing to advertise opening for director position.
 - Possible Director of Social Ministry a paid position on staff at CtR to develop understanding of Catholic Social Teaching to expand our outreach. Father Sean gathering job descriptions from other parishes. Target is to have new staff position filled by Spring 2015. Will work in concert with CAM.
 - Greg Gehrt: Pastoral plan inquiry; update next month.

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- Fr. Sean updated the council regarding the status of Fr. Ignatius; will continue serving the area hospital and nursing homes but will reside at St. Maximilian Kolbe parish rectory; Fr. Ralph will move into CtR Rectory soon.

Closing Prayer:

- October meeting prayer: Dan Ruvalcaba

Closing

- **October and November Meetings combined into Nov 11th**
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM

Calendar Planning - Meeting dates for the upcoming year (subject to change):

- November 11th, 2014
- December 21st, 2014