

# CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes, 20 August 2014



## Attendance

<i>Parish Staff</i>		<i>Present</i>	<i>Parish Pastoral Council</i>		<i>Present</i>
Pastor	Rev. Sean P. Horrigan	Yes	PPC Member 2014-2016	Herman Ayala	Yes
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Orrin Halepeska	Yes	PPC Member 2012-2014	Briz Garcia	Excused
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Ralph Roberts	Excused	PPC Member 2013-2015	Greg Gehrt	Yes
Deacon/ Parish Administrator	Phillip Jackson	Yes	PPC Member 2012-2014	Lynn Gondesen	Yes
Parish Secretary	Charlotte Conner	Yes	PPC Member 2013-2015	Donna Heath	Excused
			PPC Member 2013-2015	Ann Holub	Resigned
<i>Parishioners</i>			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 7:05 PM
- Opening prayer: Dan Ruvalcaba

## Open Forum

- No parishioners in attendance to address the Council.

## Information Sharing

- Parish Update by Father Sean
  - 6 Year Anniversary of New Sanctuary – CtR will celebrate anniversary of the dedication of the new sanctuary this Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
    - Liturgy will reflect the proper prayers for dedication of new church
    - Art and Environment will add banners and flowers
    - Music Ministry will offer special songs and a brass quintet

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- Coloring Page featuring drawing of new church for CtR school age youth to decorate and return; will be displayed in gathering space.
  - Gift to CtR Families: prayer card featuring photo of Cardinal DiNardo incensing the altar during the dedication mass in 2008-- including prayer from that liturgy.
  - Gift of Gratitude from CtR Family: new and gently used coat and blanket collection for Catholic Charities; way of expressing gratitude for the blessing of new parish sanctuary.
- CtR School News:
    - Possible addition of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Level for next school year: Inquiry night planned for November 13<sup>th</sup> to invite interested parents; Decision pending; Fr. Sean has spoken to Cardinal DiNardo and Superintendent of Catholic Schools.
  - Parish Staff News:
    - RE welcomes 3 new employees:
      - Annette O'Driscoll, Sacraments Coordinator, previously at St. Anne's in Tomball;
      - Melinda Garza, RE Assistant, previously CtR RE teacher employed at LoneStar College;
      - Aurelia Mendoza, PLC Receptionist.
    - Office of Liturgy welcomes 1 new employee:
      - Ofelia Carrasco, new Liturgy Assistant.
  - New Parish Multi-use Green Space Plan:
    - Plan includes walk thru fence and irrigation system
    - Construction underway—mowed and cleaned; bull dozer beginning
    - Lights not included in this bid—future consideration



- CAM:
  - Relationship with CAM reviewed—audit report received by Fr. Sean; audit positive for the most part;
  - New CAM director pending—should be hired within 4-6 weeks;
  - CtR monthly donation to CAM reinstated; previously held in abeyance until audit report received;
  - CAM Christmas Giving Tree will be held as usual;
  - Jim Rambousek, retired executive from Shell and CtR parishioner--new member of the board at CAM
  
- Facilities Update:
  - Water Dripping in Large Church—problem of condensation dripping down on the pews has stopped with the change in weather.

### Open Discussion

- Express Concerns and Requests of Parishioners:
  - Update on Inadequate Lighting in Front Parking Lot: Deacon Phillip shared parish has done all can be done--new fixtures installed in garden area, 3 new light poles added, directional lighting installed; both Dcn Phillip and David Prieto have been calling CenterPointEnergy 2 to 3 times a week--pole with problem belongs to CenterPointEnergy; CtR being told paperwork will be completed in 3 to 5 business days; CtR has considered installation of own lighting, but viable power source is question.
  - Excessive Speeding in CtR Parking Lot: plan to install speed bumps by end of 2014; speed limit signs ordered--15 mph coming in and 10mph exiting.
  - Problem with Wrong Way Driving: Cars continue to exit parking lot onto Huffmeister through entrance; an 'Entrance Only' sign is in place; additional signs considered to address this problem.
  - Problem with Cars Exiting Parish Parking Lot At Meisterwood Traffic Light--a question has arisen from homeowner in neighboring Meisterwood Subdivision regarding difficulty exiting their subdivision at parish high traffic times; CtR has requested TxDot to look at traffic light and traffic

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patterns at high traffic times such as start/end of school day and end-of-mass times.

- Discernment for Parish Council will be held Saturday, January 10, 2015; letters going out in December
- Adoration and Exposition—looking at plan for Lent

### **Closing Prayer:**

- Dan Ruvalcaba led closing prayer.

### **Closing**

- December 21, 2014: PPC Christmas Party at CtR Rectory at 6:00pm following 5:00pm mass
- January 10, 2015: New Council Member Discernment
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM