

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes, 20 May 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	Excused
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Orrin Halepeska	Excused	PPC Member 2012-2014	Briz Garcia	Yes
Deacon / Parish Administrator	Phillip Jackson	Yes	PPC Member 2013-2015	Greg Gehrt	Yes
Parish Secretary	Charlotte Conner	Yes	PPC Member 2012-2014	Lynn Gondesens	Yes
Director of Youth E & C	Rachel Poyo	Yes	PPC Member 2013-2015	Donna Heath	Yes
<i>Parishioners</i>			PPC Member 2013-2015	Ann Holub	Yes
			PPC Member 2012-2014	Kenneth Passmore	Yes
			PPC Member 2012-2014	Dan Ruvalcaba	Excused
			PPC Member 2014-2016	Brad Snyder	Yes
			PPC Member 2014-2016	Nancy Unverferth	Yes
			PPC Member 2013-2015	Lisa Veenstra	
			PPC Member 2014-2016	Mark Whetstine	Yes

Opening

- Meeting began at 7:05 PM
- Opening prayer: Lynn Gondesens

Open Forum

- No parishioners in attendance to address the Council.

Visit from Director of Youth Evangelization and Catechesis

Rachel Poyo, Director of Youth Evangelization and Catechesis gave updates on goals, mission, and pressing needs in Youth Ministry.

- In July, Youth Ministry will complete first year since addition of two new youth ministers—Bryan Smyth (High School) and Lauren Koath (Middle School); Rachel commended the work of Bryan and Lauren.
- The mission of Youth Ministry is to create opportunities for youth to encounter Christ similar to road to Emmaus: to journey alongside youth, get to know them—“what makes their day great and what

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ruins their day”. YM team dedicated to “winning the youth’s hearts for Christ”: to feel church is family and ‘home where they are welcomed and accepted’.

- Faith Formation Changes for the 2014-2015 school year—8th grade moves from Religious Education to Youth Ministry responsibility—giving YM team 8th through 12th grade.
- Archdiocese Framework for Lifelong Catechesis (AFLC) is the document which gives the vision and approach by which Rachel will continue to build the Encounter program and Systematic Catechesis.
- The AFLC outlines 6 tasks per grade or age level as goals to achieve each night. Tasks incorporated through teachings, activities, and music, with discussion and dialogue. Method used this past year was 3 consecutive Encounter nights on morality, next 3 nights on the Person of God, and so on.
- MS program, called “Rise”, will be held on Wednesday nights, and will be a 2 year model. HS program, called “Encounter”, will continue to meet on Sunday nights, and will be 3 year model.
- Catechetical model flows from USCCB to our own Archdiocese down to our parish where it is adapted to fit the needs of CtR. Diocese has mandated there is to be a separate and distinct sacramental preparation.
- Encounter on Sunday nights—catechesis followed by small group to help them apply truths to their lives. Format has been successful as evidenced through confirmation interviews and various comments from students and parents. Overall dynamic of youth ministry has changed in a very positive way in this first year.
- Upcoming Middle School Summer Camp—begin with Mass each day; parable of the sower and seeds will be week’s theme creatively expanded each day with fun activity/field trip each afternoon.
- 3 mission trips scheduled this summer—Ecuador (post HS), Catholic Heart Workcamp in New Orleans, Stubenville South “Immersion” Retreat, St. Louis, Missouri
- YM Needs
 - Meeting space—YM will outgrow available meeting room and floor space for Encounter night next year.
 - Outdoor field and gym--needed for safe and effective ministry to youth.

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- Core team—adults with heart for God, who like middle/high school students and are willing to walk with them along their faith journey are needed.
- Father Sean's response to need for outdoor field--Finance committee/debt reduction/facility (gym) fundraiser will be discussed at beginning of new fiscal year which begins July 1st, but several years away from implementation. About \$4 million still owed on current note, and about \$4 million would be cost of new recreational facility. Interim solution is being considered to prep existing land behind PLC for green play area.

Information Sharing

- Parish Survey Results—Father Sean, Deacon Philip, and Diane Kitchens of CtR Finance Council met with CLI May 15th
- 21 parishes selected for first year of survey; CLI goal for next year 30 more; following year 100 more. CLI will offer CtR a follow-up survey in 2 years by which to measure spiritual growth/progress.
- CtR was largest participating parish with highest number parishioners overall who responded. By-product of survey--numerous invalid email addresses were found
- Father Sean shared/discussed selected slides from survey with Council; hopes to present same to parish in homily at all masses around Pentecost to act as springboard for the fall

Parish Needs and Action

- Budget meeting June 3rd for coming fiscal year; No July meeting, budget presented in August
- CtR School enrollment at 141 kids ; teachers hired. Tony Croes hired as Director of Information Technologies for school and will continue to serve parish IT needs also.
- New AC Unit \$50K cost in Education Bldg

Parish Activities

- Spring Festival profit \$201,000



Open Discussion

- Positive feedback from parishioners and PPC members regarding Fr. Sean's invite to 1st Communion children to come to mass in First Communion attire; allowed parish to share obvious joy.
- Request for PLC coffee machine connected to filtered water line—Deacon Philip stated it will be connected.
- Suggestion announcements at beginning of Mass—Fr. Sean stated the goal to foster prayerful atmosphere at beginning of Mass would not be well served by beginning with announcements before Mass.
- Suggestions from PPC for creating warm environment at Mass--greeting people around you before mass; after mass welcome new comers and visitors and/or celebrate milestones of parishioners.
- Mildew and cracks on front facade of church and buildings: Cleaning service hired/contract signed; all buildings treated except PLC; 3 year warranty for treatment; take a week to spray and treat all scheduled buildings; cracks to be treated later (nonstructural)
- Water droplets on some pews during Mass—found to be AC condensation; normal occurrence with changing temperatures; doors left open for long time bring in warm moist air; AC working to control the humidity
- Baptismal font broken—Stone's PVC seam broke; plan to repair and replace with solid marble stone; actively seeking a company for repair.
- Request for family-friendly facilities during Spring Festival—A family port-o-potty with clean surface for diaper changing will be added to Festival facilities
- Suggestion to add toddler sized t-shirt for Festival

Closing Prayer:

- June meeting prayer: Kenneth Passmore

Closing

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

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

- June 24, 2014
- August 26th, 2014
- September 23rd, 2014
- October 28th, 2014
- November 18th, 2014
- December 21st, 2014