

# CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes - May 23, 2017

## Attendance

<i>Parish Staff</i>		<i>Present</i>	<i>Parish Pastoral Council</i>		<i>Present</i>
Pastor	Rev. Sean P. Horrigan	Yes	PPC Member 2015-2017	Jason Shipe	Yes
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Ralph Roberts	No	PPC Member 2015-2017	Troy Bretz	Yes
Deacon/ Parish Administrator	Deacon Kerry Bourque	Yes	PPC Member 2015-2017	Matt Carpenter	Yes
Parish Secretary	Charlotte Conner	No	PPC Member 2015-2017	Susan Sarao	Yes
			PPC Member 2016-2018	James Taylor	Yes
			PPC Member 2016-2018	Aubrey Surovik	No
<i>Parishioners</i>			PPC Member 2016-2018	Gilda Bartz	No
Jeannie Bergmann			PPC Member 2016-2018	Ashley Bass	Yes
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Fortunato Barajas	Yes
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Andy Barrenechea	Yes
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Carrie Palmer	Yes
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Tim Schulz	Yes

**Meeting began:** 7:00 p.m.

**Opening prayer:** Jason Shipe

### PPC Matters

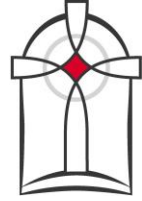
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### Open Forum

- Jeannie Bergmann in attendance to listen to parish updates; attended CtR as a youth, moved to Germany, and is now back at CtR and eager to contribute to parish and CtR school

### Information Sharing from Fr. Sean & Dcn. Kerry

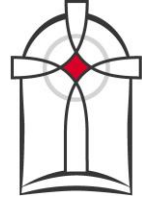
- Reviewed remaining PPC dates in 2017 with Fr. Sean, as previously published
- Groundbreaking ceremony for RAC on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> was a success
  - Good turnout from parish; construction is on schedule (every two weeks check in with builder)
  - Pad is being built, laying foundation, acquiring building permits from county
  - Youth room remodeling – also waiting on building permits
  - Parishioners can see time-lapse camera on CtR website (picture taken every 30 minutes)



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- New director for Adult Faith formation – Mary Caprio, to replace Deacon Jack
  - Former Director of Adult Formation for St. Michael's; current adjunct professor at University of St. Thomas; trained in NFP
  - Will start on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, with some shadowing in June. Strong vision for faith formation focused on families, young married couples
  - Deacon Jack retiring after 60 years of working; will continue as deacon, but stepping down from full-time employment at CtR
- Longest-tenured employee is retiring – Jill Dimiceli (Coordinator of Religious Education, 24 years)
  - Will continue to volunteer and help in parish; also runs Vacation Bible Study in summer
  - Linda Watso will replace Jill; has served as Catechist and VBS volunteer
  - Will replace Linda's position with Megan Schulz
- ECHO Notre Dame program - apprentices graduating from CtR
  - Michelle Ross – already graduated
  - Colleen Campbell – graduating in July; will work for Catholic University of America to complete PhD on fully paid scholarship
  - CtR to receive new ECHO apprentice in the Fall – will announce at a later date
- Sprinkler system repaired; AC repair in progress; bell tower report in progress to fix leaks in church
- Parish festival big success
  - Tied for most successful festival ever at \$234K profit to parish; best year was in 2008 at ~\$250K
  - 2017 was light on volunteers, similar to past years; if under 16, volunteers need to be with an adult; can be marketed as service hours to youth
  - Big thanks to core committee for a successful Spring Festival
- Youth ministry – wrapping up end of Encounter; college kids looking to join Camino group
- Next Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, marks 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eucharistic adoration; also marks 10 years of George Valdez as coordinator of Eucharistic adoration – Fr. Sean very thankful for service
  - Anthony Brown will take over Eucharistic adoration ministry
- 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of reformation planned for October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017; other events planned leading up to that event (led by Carol and Deacon Moses)



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### Open Discussion

- Megan Schulz noticed two doors on side of church next to statues with large gap, if not closed properly – door company will do sweep to fix any doors in need of repair in summer
- Multiple parishioners thankful for railings outside church
- Prayer garden looked great for Spring Festival, led by Fr. Ralph; focused on maintenance of garden
- What is expectation to improve communication at the church?
  - Difficult to get live person when you call CtR – deacons or other people from the office
  - 3 deacons on staff, most likely available if on campus; other deacons have voicemail and email, but not available during the day
  - Need to provide more details on when events are happening – better expectations around timeline. ACTS retreat communication to retreatants was mentioned.
  - Weekly parish bulletin (1700 printed), CtR website & social media help contribute to communications at CtR
- Similar to Spring Festival pilgrimage to painted churches, PPC member proposed an idea for local area Houston pilgrimage for youth
  - Potential site visits: Lady of Lourdes, Co-Cathedral, true cross relic in Dickinson, tour of Galveston churches, bishop's house in Galveston, Sacred Heart, St. Mary's church, ethnic parishes, historic black churches, Ascension Chinese Mission, Polish parish, Regina Caeli, Holy Rosary, etc.
  - Attendees could potentially pay a nominal \$20 for the entire day trip; CtR would pay remainder of cost for bus in summer; Fr. Sean will mention to Rachel
- Four new ordinations occurring in Houston week after Saturday
- Memorial Day – Fr. Sean asked to do prayer services at Houston National Cemetery for veterans

**Prayer Volunteer for June 27 meeting:** Susan Sarao

**Closing Prayer:** Led by Matt Carpenter

**Meeting adjourned** 8:20p.m.