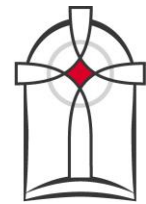


# CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes - September 26, 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	Yes	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
			PPC Member 2016-2018	Ashley Bass	Yes
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Fortunato Barajas	Yes
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Andy Barrenechea	No
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Carrie Palmer	Yes
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Tim Schulz	Yes

**Meeting began:** 7:20 p.m.

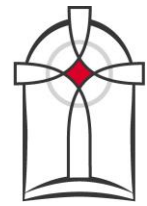
**Opening prayer:** Fortunato Barajas

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

- Harvey came just a few days after our last PPC meeting.
  - The CtR Parish avoided major damage - but there are a few leaks that started or got worse with the rain.
  - TX Catholic Herald reported on the damage throughout the archdiocese & St Ignatius was the closest parish to us that had major damage.
- Once the rain stopped the CtR community clean-up resource took off. Requests for assistance were received from 275 families/homes and CtR triaged all of those. Great thanks to all parishioners who helped put that amazing resource in action. CtR is now transitioning from the hands-on helping, and passing along the unused goods to St John Vianney and CAM. Jim Rambousek, from CAM, has been the liaison for receiving supplies.
- CtR collected close to \$50,000 cash to go to local Harvey relief efforts.
  - Now that immediate clean up needs are coming to a close, CtR would like to be able to offer financial help to those who are currently rebuilding their lives.
  - If you know of parishioners that sustained water in their homes we need to make them aware of this financial help that is available. CtR is looking to put together an application

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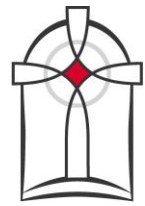


that will be available online. St Anthony of Padua in The Woodlands has been doing this and CtR is working off their model.

- CtR would like to lessen the burden somewhat, and distributing these funds could help.
- School families and RE students may need assistance with program costs as well.
- As a good neighbor, should CtR set aside some of the money for St Ignatius community for a one time gift. Some St Ignatius parishioners are currently coming to CtR to celebrate Mass with us.
- In addition to the \$50,000 in cash, CtR has many gift cards available to give to parishioners and community members in need.
- Within the diocese there were 4 parishes that were categorized at catastrophic. With high deductibles and not much insurance payout, the diocese is trying to figure out what help is needed and how much money will be needed for these losses, and then how to prepare for the future.
- The Ignite Capital Campaign - The diocese is determining how to go forward with that campaign. As parishioners, how would this campaign be received after the destruction from Harvey? People that have personal loss might not feel like they can contribute to this campaign, while others that weren't affected could possibly give.
- CtR Capital campaign - With Harvey just 4 weeks behind us, there will be some donors that need flexibility on their payment schedule - gentle notices are being sent out.
- CtR Community Center is almost fully transitioned from the relief efforts, to being used for parish events.
- Due to Harvey, Fr Sean has postponed the 2020 vision and staff development for now. This included the stewardship team & ministry fair. All of these topics will be revisited in January.
- Staff Developments
  - Mary Caprio, director of Adult Faith Formation, is leaving CtR only after being here 8 short weeks. She is returning to St. Michaels.
  - Fr Sean contacted Deacon Jack about coming out of retirement to help fill this position for a short time. Deacon Jack was very gracious and willing to help until CtR is able to hire a full time employee for that position.
- Construction ongoing
  - First and second floor renovations are on track for completion. A punch list should be provided by the end of September.
  - Students will move back into the school on October 2
  - RAC is being constructed. This phase is still on target to be completed Summer 2018
  - Fr Sean mentioned that there may be plans for a day to visit the new construction area in late October
- October is Respect Life Month
  - Sunday, October 8 - 2pm in the Community center there will be a seminar with Fr Sean & Pastor Brad Otto (pastor at Messiah Lutheran) about the different aspects of the Catholic and Lutheran beliefs and how we can work together in the future.
  - Wed, October 11 - 7pm CtR is hosting a talk on the death penalty. This informative

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and educational night will be held in the community center.

- Thursday, October 19 - 7p Joint prayer service with Messiah Lutheran at CtR church. This service is in observation of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.
  - During this community gathering there will be a fundraiser for CAM
  - After Harvey, CtR was able to send parishioners to help Messiah clean up their flooded church. The cardinal has helped foster relationships with Lutheran churches throughout Houston.

## Open Discussion

- Outreach to those with special needs -
  - CtR church has radio frequency devices to aid the hearing impaired during Mass. These devices are in the back of church and may be borrowed during Mass. It would be helpful to have additional verbiage about these devices in the bulletin.
  - Parents typically notify CtR if their child has any special needs so that the teachers, volunteers, or youth ministers can plan accordingly and be prepared
- Encounter & Holiday Party on December 17. There is an overlap on timing. The holiday party will be a come & go event for those that may be a little late.
- Next PPC meetings: October 24, November 29, December 17 (Christmas social)

**Prayer Volunteer for October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting:** James Taylor

**Closing Prayer:** Fortunato Barajas

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:40