

PPC Meeting Notes – 9th April 2007

Attendees: *Lisa Braga, Celeste Braga, Manny Chaves, Tony Ippolito, Rosalyn McHugh, Jennifer McHugh,, George Perkins, Mary Piecewicz, Phil Ricuitti, Frank Ramsbottom, Fr. Joel*

The Parish Council discussed the information needed by Fr. Walter for completing the Parish Profile Report for the Archdiocese. This information will be used in selecting the new Pastor to replace Fr. Walter in June. The PPC provided insights/ideas on the special characteristics of the parish and special qualities desired in the new Pastor. Fr. Walter will forward on the Profile once he receives more inputs from other Parish groups such as the Finance Committee, the Parish Staff, the Schools, Stewardship, and Eucharistic Ministries.

Members of the Parish Council attended the Finance Committee on last month. Together the two groups will be working on an awareness campaign to increase weekly contributions to the Parish. A 3 step plan was suggested: (1) Creation of an appeal letter to Parishioners; (2) Personal appeal by members of Finance and PPC at each Mass (at the conclusion of the Mass) (3) Monthly update to the Parish at each Mass by a member of the Finance or PPC on the status of weekly contributions and the Parish budget. The PPC will draft the appeal letter for review by the Finance Committee. Appeal letter to be completed by end of April.

There was a general discussion about ideas for getting the youth more involved in Parish Life. The PPC will contact the school principals and CCD director to extend the invitation to participate in a roundtable discussion at the next PPC meeting.

There will be two pews set aside in the upper Church and in the Chapel on the Cross Street side for the handicap. George Perkins and Tony Ippolito will work on getting "reserved" signs for the pews. George will place a notice in an upcoming Bulletin regarding the new reserved pews. It was suggested that ushers work with the Eucharistic ministers at each Mass to identify those parishioners who may have difficulty reaching the altar for communion.

It was suggested the Fr. Walter place a notice in the Bulletin about reminding Parishioners that the parking area around the Parish Center should be used by the handicap. A Gentle Reminder is needed that being a good Catholic – extends to the Parking Lots on Sunday!

The Parish Picnic will be held 19th August at the Elks. The Picnic Committee will be led by Lisa Braga. Several PPC members offered to assist with the "Save the Date" marketing plan. The goal is to have as many parish groups involved in planning the picnic. The Parish Picnic will be the first event attended by the new Pastor.

Bulletin Board for the Church – This is still an outstanding item from last months meeting. Hopefully Fr. Walter will be able to get the 45' X 60' board installed for the display of Parish related posters and announcements before the beginning of the summer.

The next PPC meeting will be on Monday 14th of April in the Parish Center at 7 PM. Lisa Braga will facilitate the meeting.