

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

March 8, 2014

Mission Statement of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

As the spiritual home for Catholics in the West End, we are a family of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. We are a Sunday People, remade in Baptism, nurtured by the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit. Under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we strive to share our time, talents, and treasures. We are formed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and proclaim the Kingdom of God by our words and actions.

PASTORAL COUNCIL RETREAT – 20/20 VISION

“Seeing Through the Eyes of Christ”

Facilitated by: Catherine Buetel, Office of Parish Life, Diocese of Scranton

Those present: Father Mike, Father Sean, Deacon Bob, Linda Carbone, Chris Doerbecker, Franklin Edwards, Cathy Filoreto, Dori Hurley, Allen Krueger, Ralph Lucchese, Ralph Manento, Karen Newton, Martin Ritchie, and Santos Rivera.

Absent: Pat Douglas

Call to Prayer followed by Song: *Eye Has Not Seen* (V. 1,2)

Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Response: Open my eyes, that I may see the wonders of Your ways. Psalm 119

Prayer of Self-Offering, Entering the Retreat:

...love capable of seeing the sacred grandeur of our neighbors...seeing others in their deepest dignity...of finding God in every human being...of opening the heart to divine love and seeking the happiness of others just as their heavenly father does...Jesus taught us this way of looking at others by His words and actions. So why cloud something so clear? (Pope Francis)

Closing Song: *Eye Has Not Seen* (V. 3,4) was preceded by sharing witness of real love

OUR PARISH IN 2020?

Previous to our meeting, each member was asked to prayerfully contemplate and complete a questionnaire imagining the live of our parish in the year 2020. Council

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members were also asked to review the apostolic exhortation issued on November 24, 2013, by Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel).

Session #1, Small Group Discussion:

In Pope Francis' missionary style, you must be full of zeal to spread the gift you have been given. Breaking into groups of 3 or 4, we discuss what ideas will get us to our "dream" parish, sharing our ideas from the questionnaire. We came together again to share the highlights.

Session #2, Individual Planning:

Each member asked to individually work on a *Creative Initiative for Action Proposal* under one of the headings Spirituality, Evangelization, Faith Formation, and Stewardship. These proposals were individually presented to the Council. Discernment for future planning completed with a priority endorsement from each member.

Next Steps:

The Coor Council will study proposals for future discernment with the Council.

Closing:

Pope Francis', *Joy of the Gospel*, paragraphs #119-121 were verbally presented followed by a prayer of re-dedication to the *Joy of the Gospel*.

Council Business ~ Ralph Manento, Chair

Decisions made ~

- PPC insert for Ministry Fair brochure, approved
- PPC Nomination Letter and Identification Form presented, approved by Father
- Prayer commitment agreed upon, at least once a week if not daily.
- Ministry Fair PPC booth volunteers: Saturday Evening Mass – Karen and Allen, Sunday 8AM – Chris, 10:30 am – Linda, 12 noon – Martin. If you are available, please stop at the booth.

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Next Steps ~

- PPC Nominee Information meeting proposed, June 9th
- PPC Nominee Discernment meeting proposed, June 16th
- *Keeping Sunday Holy*, Action 3, TBA
- Ministry Fair, March 29 and 30
- PPC Nomination Letter and ID Form emailed to all members
- Weekly/Daily Prayer Commitment
- Bulletin Board Update for Ministry Fair

Future Agenda Suggestions ~

- "Keeping Sunday Holy" Ecumenical Plan, Action 3
- Finance Council Report - April 2014
- Nomination and Upcoming Council Selection Updates - April 2014
- July PPC - Meeting Outline and Date

Meeting Evaluation ~ joyful retreat! Feel a mission/vision coalescing!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✦ Next Coordinating Council Meeting: March 17, 2014 @ 3:30 pm
- ✦ Next Pastoral Council Meeting: April 7, 2014 @ 7:30 pm
- ✦ April Opening Prayer: Santos Rivera