

Minutes

Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Convened at 7:08 PM.

- Terry formally welcomed Estrella Villafranca-Ruiz and Milton Tobar to the group. Fr. Brendan told both that he is pleased to have them with us.
- Carol presented October 6 minutes which were reviewed and approved.
- Revisions to The Foundation Document were reviewed; the revised Foundation Document was ratified by all.
- Fr. Brendan, Marc, Lesley and Terry shared their experiences from the Parish New Member reception held in Knight Hall, October 18th.
- Terry reminded the group about The Diocesan Listening Session to be held November 16th.
- Fr. Brendan's remarks
- October update on year of mercy goals-
- **Stewardship:** Father reminded us that we are not "owners". It's important to remember to cultivate and share what we've been given.
 1. We continue to foster a spirit of integration of all the parish family in all activities and parish prayer.
 2. Movie night this year was for the entire parish family...school and parish at large.
 3. At our October 18th New Member Reception, parish hosts including Spanish speaking hosts welcomed about 170 new parishioners.
- **Prayer:**
 1. On October 13th we celebrated the solemnity of St. Edward the Confessor, patron saint of our parish; Fr. Brendan's story of St. Edward was recorded by St. Joseph radio...with a follow up story to come in November.
 2. We want to remind parishioners that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in *both* the Mission and Church.
 3. We blessed our pregnant mothers at Mass.
 4. On October 2nd, the school and parish attended Mass followed by a Prayer Breakfast with Bishop Vann.
 5. Animals were blessed on the feast of St. Francis.
 6. FORMED, an online Catholic resource is being offered free to the parish.
 7. 800 prayer petitions traveled with Deacon Al & our outreach team to Jamaica.
 8. Work continues on producing 2-3 minute English & Spanish videos showing the different ways parishioners integrate prayer in their lives. These will be shown in school and at Mass in the near future.
- **The Poor:**
 1. A sculpture of Jesus-Homeless and sleeping on a bench was installed on the grounds-reminding us to look for and see Jesus in everyone.
 2. The parish participated in the F.A.M. hunger walk.
 3. The parish donated over \$25,000.00 to support the Jamaica mission outreach project.
 4. We shared 'pennies from heaven' to support mothers and their children who are without means.
- Fr. Brendan's brief recap of the above appeared in the October 25th bulletin.
- The Outreach Committee continues work on constructing a frame for our outreach which will have a beginning, middle and end. Committee goals include: creation of a portfolio of giving-here at home, nationally and internationally and providing accountability to the parish as to where its donation dollars go.
- Fr. Brendan reviewed October Mass attendance. English Mass attendance is down about 2%, Spanish Mass attendance is up about 10%. This nets total attendance down .3% versus last year for the same time period.

- November 14 & 15, Fr. Brendan will speak at all Masses about Stewardship, specifically the Offertory Collection and tithing.
 1. Giving should be a 'regular' heartfelt habit.
 2. The group shared ideas about ways to encourage more consistent participation in the collection.
 3. Roughly 3 out of 10 parishioners financially support the parish.
 4. November 21st & 22nd, selected parishioners will speak at all the Masses about how they support the parish.
- Miscellaneous:
 1. All is well with our school.
 2. Mary's Chapel now has beautiful candles.
 3. The statue of Jesus outside the gathering space will be elevated in November to comply with code.
 4. There have been minor tweaks to several pews for wheelchair code compliance.
 5. Advent is coming-little Advent prayer books will be available for parishioners.
- Adjourned 8:30 PM.