

February 2018 Summary of Pastoral Council Meeting

Financial Report: Figures for November and December were examined and approved. Nothing stood out other than the \$25,000 in new pledges to the capital campaign in December. Everything else was routine.

Finance and Administration Commission: It's meeting later in the month to hammer out specifics on facilities use agreements for the new building. A larger deposit would be required along with a cleaning fee.

Liturgy and Worship Commission: It hasn't met in several months, but is soliciting new members and was scheduled to meet at the end of the month to "re-group and follow the pastor's direction" as to the Commission's mission and how it can serve the parish.

Parish Life Commission: The Lenten Dinners were to begin February 21 and conclude on March 14th. A light reception is scheduled for July 7th following the 4:00 pm Mass to celebrate Father Warren Harvey's 30th anniversary in the priesthood. Father also has a family reunion and dinner with his family set for that weekend.

Stewardship Commission: It was still weighing whether or not to have Our Sunday Visitor run the stewardship campaign for another year. The Commission will decide by the next meeting to continue or take another approach. It's also looking at revamping the collection envelopes. The City of Hope and Catholic Charities (Adoption Services) are the beneficiaries of the \$10,000 collected from children of the parish at weekly Masses.

Education and Faith Formation Commission: Twenty Adult Faith Formation leaders recently met to share successes and challenges within their ministries. RCIA has three Catechumens, 13 candidates and two Catholics who'll receive 1st Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass on March 31. Seventy-five students from St. Joseph School and Parish were confirmed on January 28. Nearly 80 students were to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on February 24. Eighty-four students are registered to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference in July. St. Joseph Kindergarten registration was held with about 34 signing up. Forty is the maximum allowed. The high school is working on scheduling and course offerings. It's looking at adding more concurrent courses, along with basic industrial arts and culinary arts classes.

Social Justice and Community Outreach Commission: The Missions Committee announced that the January Honduras Mission trip had to be canceled due to political unrest in that country. Theresa Gerard has also put missionary recruitment for the June trip on hold. On a more positive note, a shipping container bound for Honduras with several items donated by our parish successfully arrived. Ideas are being developed for a Family Mission Trip. The Depressed Parish Support efforts with St. Andrew's Church in Danville are continuing. Flooring options there have been submitted to Father Mauricio.

Hispanic Commission: It's orchestrating the Lenten Dinner on February 28th which was to benefit the Honduran Mission. A Lent Retreat with Dr. Fernando Casanova is set for March 24-25. Living Stations of the Cross will be presented March 30th. The Paschal Triduum for Holy Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be bilingual. Sister Bridget is in the process of putting together a mini-retreat for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. The Commission's capital campaign events for this year include tamale and taco sales, and the Kermes Festival in September.

Old Business: \$6.4 million has been pledged for the capital campaign. The first draw on the Diocesan loan didn't have to be made until January which saved interest money. The building remains on budget and on schedule. The official move of parish offices is expected sometime in late May. A handful of high school faculty, including religion, Spanish and resource teachers, along with guidance counselors, will make the move after school lets out.

New Business: Jane Royal, Mike Harrell, and Michael Burmester were introduced as the newest members of the Pastoral Council. Daniel Mangum will continue to chair the monthly meetings. Lori Ross will serve as Vice-Chair, and John Abbott will function as the Council Secretary.

Pastor's Report: Father Tony spoke about his recent trip to Mexico and the great blessing he received by fulfilling a promise he made to a church there a decade ago. He also spoke about the life of Father Stanley Rother, a martyred priest, who's a candidate for sainthood. Father Alphones was also on hand to speak about reinstating certain feast days, such as the one honoring St. Blaise and others.