

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

April 5, 2016

Present at the meeting:

Father Vern Decoteau, pastor  
Bill Brawner, deacon  
Franco Dell'Olio, chair  
Ray Fontaine, co-chair  
Francesca Forrest, secretary  
Dave Adams, Communications  
Paula Moran, Communications  
Anna Donovan, Communications  
Pat Skaza, Music Ministry  
Carla Dell'Olio, Vocations  
Terry Fontaine

### **1. Meeting called to order at approximately 7:30**

### **2. Prayer – Father Vern**

**3. Correction to March minutes (Confirmation will be on the May 21, not May 28); minutes accepted, agenda accepted, calendar marked for June and July**

### **4. Commission Reports**

#### **A. Adult Education**

- (report emailed in)
- The St. Francis Dinner Club's meeting on the Four Last Things was a big success (80 people attended).
- A virtual baby shower to benefit Bethlehem House will be held all through April. Needed items will be listed in the bulletin.
- 40 Days for Life was a success despite the cold weather. It was done at the Immaculate Heart of Mary church.

#### **B. Communications**

- Brochure is updated.
- But it will need to be updated again to take into account the fact that Adult Education and New Evangelization are two separate commissions, not one joint one.

#### **C. Family Life**

(not present)

#### **D. Hospitality**

(not present)

#### **E. Marriage Enrichment**

(not present)

#### **F. New Evangelization**

- (Carla reporting for Justine Holdsworth) "Make your Lent more fruitful" was a success.
- Continuing the theme of mercy through April.

- There will be a bulletin insert on Fatima to go along with the hosting of the Pilgrim Virgin statue.

#### **G. Spiritual Life**

- Holy Week went really well.
- It was well attended.
- Pilgrim Virgin statue (Fatima) will be at the church April 22–23.
- Divine Mercy turnout good (1/3 of the attendees were from Belchertown).
- There are added confessions in April (idea from the New Evangelization commission).

#### **H. Vocations**

- There are two vocations crosses. Sometimes people are not signing out the second but are taking it. (But this is rare.)
- It is signed up well in advance.

### **5. New Business and Other Items**

#### **A. Marian Missionaries**

- Fr. Gaitley (*33 Days to Morning Glory, 33 Days to Merciful Love*) has weekend retreats July 15–17 at Hofstra University; \$285.00.

#### **B. Church Gates**

- Project contract has been signed.
- Project includes retention walls, 5 ft. pillars, lanterns, plantings.

#### **C. Organ**

- Rodgers Organ will give presentation on April 6 (second one).
- Allen already gave a presentation.
- Next, committee will visit churches (e.g., Holy Trinity in Greenfield).

#### **D. Darlene Biggs (Mercy Hospital) Proposal on Faith Community Nursing**

- The concept is that you have a registered nurse in the parish who acts as a portal.

#### **F. Parish Picnic**

- We'll talk more about it in May.

#### **G. Bishop Visit.**

- Bishop will visit April 17, 2017.

### **6. Closing Prayer**

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30 pm**