

DATE: 18 OCTOBER 2015  
RE: OCTOBER PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Ixon, Deacon Paul, Deacon Ray,  
Terry Beecroft, Karen Bucyk, Carol Casey, Catherine Clinch, Gene Cote.  
Marc Dodier, Maureen Donahue, Dianne and Ed Mills.

The meeting was held at the Holy Family Parish Lower Church. The meeting started with an opening prayer provided by Carol Casey.

The council discussed the Pope's USA visit.

Fr. Scott gave an update on the pastoral plan. Sample SMART goals being worked on include:

Train 50-60 ministers of hospitality by January 1, 2017 to serve at all sacramental celebrations.

Establish a Vocation Team of 8-12 members by November 1, 2016.

Involve \_\_\_\_ parishioners in \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ service projects annually between November 1, 2016 and November 1, 2019

Task 1: Survey parishioners by November 1 each year beginning in 2016 to determine types of service projects in which they may be interested in participating.

The November Evangelization Training was discussed. Both parishes have members signed up for this training.

As part of the Year of Mercy, taking place between 18Dec2015 and 20Nov2016, our collaborative is offering a pilgrimage, Saints and Basilicas of Upper New York. The pilgrimage will be from Oct 3-6, 2016.

The council also talked about the Globe article regarding our initiative of 1,000,000 works of mercy during this Year of Mercy.

Terry Beecroft gave an update on the Baptism Reunion to take place on January 10, 2016 at HFP and on January 17, 2016 the Star of the Sea Parish. Baptized names to be read during the Prayers of the Faithful and a short program following the Mass with light refreshments being offered.

The council agreed to have the Knights of Columbus speak at Mass with the hopes of starting a new chapter for the parishes in our collaborative. The State Knights of Columbus will be at all Masses in both parishes on November 14/15.

#### Upcoming Events:

November 7 – Annual Holiday Fair at HFP

#### Memorial Mass

November 7 - Star of the Sea 4pm

November 8 - Holy Family Parish 10:30am

Names of those passed during the last year will be read during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Next meeting to be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:45pm at the Holy Family Parish.

Refreshments to be provided by Maureen Donohue.

Fr. Ixon will provide opening prayer and Gene Cote will provide closing prayer.

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer provided by Terry Beecroft.