

DATE: 20 SEPTEMBER 2015  
RE: PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Ixon, Deacon Paul, Terry Beecroft, Karen Bucyk, Carol Casey, Catherine Clinch, Marc Dodier, Maureen Donahue, Thea Gove, Miriam Hefron, Joanne Levesque, Jack Luz, Dianne and Ed Mills.

The meeting was held at the Holy Family Parish Conference Room. The meeting started with an opening prayer provided by Deacon Paul.

Fr. Scott gave an update on the Plan Writing Team meetings and gave the committee members a copy of the draft proposal for the collaborative plan. Maureen Donohue spoke about the Purpose Statement. The team has been given an assignment to come up with a slogan (Vision) for the collaborative. Fr. Scott talked about the team goals of Purpose, Vision, Values and Priorities. As part of this plan, our parishes will be offering Evangelization training, open to all members of our parishes, on November 12 and 19. All Pastoral Council members were asked to recruit at least one person to participate in this training.

Fr. Scott talked about the Year of Mercy as per Pope Francis, taking place between 8Dec2015 and 20Nov2016. It has been proposed that we offer a pilgrimage during the Year of Mercy. Potential pilgrimages include the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Mass, The Saints and Basilicas of Upper New York, and Quebec, Canada. Other activities include the 1,000,000 Works of Mercy (Spiritual and Corporal) and additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance, especially for our children and young people.

The team reviewed Gateway moments concerning Baptism. The Parish is now giving away small bottles of Holy Water to those baptized. Starting in January, propose that the God Parents be brought to the training classes. It was also discussed about the twice yearly reunion of all those baptized in the previous six months. The first reunion is slated for January of 2016 for all those baptized during 2015. Terry Beecroft and Jack Luz will collaborate on this.

Miscellaneous items discussed were:

- Re-establishing the Annual Memorial Mass for all those who had passed in the last year. It will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the 4pm Mass at Star of the Sea Parish, and November 8<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:30 Mass at Holy Family. Names of those that have passed will be read at the time of the Prayers of the Faithful.
- Offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Mass at the end of each Mass on the last Sunday of every month. This initiative was started with the Masses in August with a good reception.
- Having a Birthday Blessing on the First Sunday of the month. This initiative was also started in August with a good reception.
- Eucharistic Adoration that takes place on Tuesdays evenings at 6:30pm at Holy Family Parish, and on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 at the Star of the Sea Church.

Upcoming Events:

October 3 – Blessing of the Animals at Holy Family Parish

October 10 - Public Rosary at the Star of the Sea Church  
Ham and Bean Supper at the Star of the Sea Church

November 7 – Annual Holiday Fair

Next meeting to be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Family Conference Room. Refreshments to be provided by Kay Clinch. Carol Casey will provide opening prayer and Terry Beecroft will provide closing prayer.

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer provided by Jack Luz.