

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes - July 1, 2009

If you have any questions or concerns for the Pastoral Council, you can contact the Council at the link found on our parish website: www.nativitycatholicchurch.org

Meeting was opened by Fr. Proulx with a scripture reading and reflection.

Janet Caraballo introduced our guests to the council.

Emmaus Retreat for Nativity Parishioners - Irene & Roger Alvarez

Irene and Roger said the Emmaus Experience has been a life changing experience for their family and it would be a wonderful experience for the members of Nativity. This is not a movement; it is a life changing experience and will be specifically for members of Nativity. This retreat will be held at the Franciscan Center on April 23 to 25, 2010. They have also committed to host this retreat in other parishes later this year and 2010. This retreat differs from some other movements in that it will be for Nativity parishioners. The Emmaus Ministry begins with a Faith-Enriching weekend retreat where lay-women & men administer to others. The retreats are single gender experiences for men and women and will take place about twice a year. To follow up and to keep the spiritual momentum going is a monthly activity such as a Morning Coffee. They are committed to presenting, "What is Emmaus," to the other ministries at Nativity. Their plan is to complete a brochure next week and begin distributing it to our parishioners.

Adult Education - Vicki Hawkins

Vicki presented a calendar of events being planned for the 2009-2010 year. A few are: Bible Study groups for all ages, Spanish Bible Studies, Small Christian Communities, and Catechist Certification, Formation in Preparation for the Reception of Sacraments, RCIA, and Parish Mission. Vicki asked the council how they felt about these events and what other things might be of interest to our parishioners. The council felt all the programs would benefit the parish and some additional ideas were given.

The 2010 Parish Mission will be held on February 22nd thru 25th. Sister Briega McKenna will be presenting the mission. Please put this date on your calendars now.

Year of the Priest – Janet Caraballo

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests" beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. The Pope has declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Cure'd'Ars. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father on June 9, 2010.

This is an opportunity for all Catholics to reflect on the gift of the priesthood, to find ways to support our priests and to encourage priestly vocations in our families and parishes.

Pray for our priests that they might always be faithful to their sacred calling.

Janet asked the council to brainstorm ideas to honor the Year of Priests in our parish. A list was compiled and will be brought up again next month.

Since the meeting was long, Fr. Proulx did not give a report as he said most everything was covered by others.

Career Workshop – Linda McCarroll

The second workshop was very successful. There were approximately 20 in attendance. More networking is needed and the possibility of evening workshops. Linda has worked very hard to make this workshop a reality and we all wish to thank her.

Scrip – Details are still being worked out to make this a total parish event.

Round table – A tentative date for the annual parish council retreat was scheduled for October 17th.

Meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

Attendance: Virginia Baum, Janet Caraballo, Gary Rabenold, Dee LoPresti, Linda McCarroll, Jo O'Brien, Kirven Speed, Jim Ussery.

Excused absences: Sue Mokris, Art Barlaan, Antonio Cartagena