

## MINUTES OF THE IHM PASTORAL COUNCIL

November 29, 2011

*In attendance: Fr. Sean Cunneen, Fr. Tony Kuizon, John Ponterio, John Abreu, Regina O'Connor, Louise Timko, Maryann Mulrooney, Tracey Foley, Janice Loop,*

1. Opening prayer/sharing – John Abreu – Gratitude/Thanksgiving
2. Cluster Updates –
  - a. Service – no report - coordinators not present.
  - b. Evangelization – Regina O'Connor – committee met 11/28. Parish survey needs some work with typos, etc. Confirmation classes are underway; sadly many students have no basis of belief. 5 catechists attended catechetical convocation at Paramus Catholic.
  - c. Worship – Maryann Mulrooney – 12/13 planning meeting for 1/21 Family Retreat. Plans for upcoming liturgies are underway. Names of those serving at Christmas Masses needed by office by 12/5 for booklet. Need to recognize retired ministers at the Masses they typically serve.
  - d. Maintenance Update – heating units installed in Nazareth Center
3. MLK Day of Service – Pam Streisel – Youth Group
  - a. Items for babies: clothes, blankets, food, diapers, etc. to be collected then donated to Raphael Life House in Elizabeth.
  - b. Recommend to Pam that youth group make connection with Raphael Life House so teens can see how the organization serves those in need.
4. Evaluation of current Goal/Objectives
  - a. Mission Statement: **We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary.**
  - b. Goal: **Strengthen the parish community by increasing participation in the weekend liturgies and in our ministries.** More effort, new ideas for engaging “new blood” needed.
  - c. Objectives - Evaluation:
    - i. Fellowship
      1. Fellowship Sunday
        - a. Evaluation – October & November – not as well attended as September but still good
        - b. December 11<sup>th</sup> – try 7:45AM again? Discuss at 12/5 Parish Working Committee meeting

- c. 2012 fellowship schedule distributed – clusters assigned; specific ministries need to be assigned
  - 2. Expanding fellowship to more than just Sunday?
    - a. Movie and pizza night? Well received by PWC, Parents Guild. Target audience: families with children grades 1-6. Regina to head up this event with help. PWC to help determine date; possibly 2/4 or 2/11.
    - b. Dinner/dance? Perhaps we'll get ideas, recruit committee at movie/pizza night.
    - c. Try to implement before Lent 2012 – Before February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday
- ii. New Translation to Roman Missal - John Abreu
  - 1. Presentation at Fellowship Sunday in November – presentation was well attended
  - 2. Evaluation after 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after implementation – we all lived to tell the tale. New Missal is quite beautiful and provides opportunity for greater engagement during the liturgy.
- iii. Ministry focus – Ministry of the Month
  - 1. Evaluation
    - a. October – CLOW – went well; a couple of new ministers signed up
    - b. November – Catechists – not so good; too many things going on (New Roman Missal presentation)
    - c. Next ministry to be decided at PWC 12/5 (Possibly Parents Guild or Social Concerns)
  - 2. Requirements
    - a. Lectors - need to be confirmed
    - b. EOMs – need to be at least 18 years old
    - c. Ideas for recruiting younger members of our parish: youth group, evening receptionists
  - 3. Ministry Party – December 16<sup>th</sup>
    - a. Ministers welcome to bring spouses only
    - b. Coordinators should remind their groups, email RSVPs to Tracey
- d. Next meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Sean to lead sharing