

## MINUTES OF THE IHM PASTORAL COUNCIL

September 29, 2011 7:30 p.m. – Church Basement

*In attendance: Fr. Sean Cunneen, John Abreu, Tracey Foley, Regina O'Connor, Denise Rogers, John Ponterio, Janice Loop, Katie Wills, Carol Rizzo*

1. Opening prayer/sharing – Janice Loop – Pope John Paul Breakfast with the Pope - Do Not Be Afraid
2. Building Repairs
  - A. Nazareth Center Heating Unit Needs Repair - \$64,000 to be taken from savings
  - B. Church roof will need repairs – cost to be determined.
  - C. 2014 will be 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the parish – perhaps this would be a good time for a Capital Campaign
3. Katie Wills – 40 Days for Life – about prayer not confrontation – Katie is coordinating schedule as people step up to help/pray.
4. Cluster Reports:
  - A. Evangelization – Regina O'Connor – confirmation classes begin in October; RCIA has teen candidates, needs more publicity; catechists were commissioned 9/18/11; survey questions are being refined; Book Study meetings underway; internet safety evening with Jr. High Youth Group; family catechesis being considered in the future; how to present New Roman Missal
  - B. Worship - Denise Rogers – ministry recruitment 10/29-10/30; Advent, honoring retired ministers during Thanksgiving weekend.
  - C. Service – no report.
5. 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.**
    - i. John: Let's revitalize our efforts!!!!
      1. More ideas/objectives needed to accomplish goal.

- c. Objectives - Evaluation:
  - i. Booklet of parish ministries/Parish directory -
    - 1. Directories delivered and distributed to IHM
      - a. Many left undistributed
    - 2. Parish Ministries' booklet
      - a. Do we need the 500 to be ordered? Not at this time; Tracey to find out how to stop order without cost
  - ii. IHM Fiesta - well attended considering the holiday weekend – it was good to keep tradition going
  - iii. Fellowship Sunday - ongoing
    - 1. Evaluation – September 11<sup>th</sup> – well attended
    - 2. Next one – October 10<sup>th</sup> – Worship Committee (CLOW, Lectors, Altar Servers) – keep food order the same for this month; see how it goes
    - 3. Can (should?) we do something for 5:30 pm and/or 7:45 am
    - 4. Expand fellowship to more than just Sunday?
      - a. Movie and pizza night—Regina, John, Janice to come up with date in Jan.
      - b. Dinner/dance? Maybe in the future
      - c. New Year's Eve? See how movie & pizza goes
  - iv. Ministry focus – we need to keep recruiting
    - 1. implement Ministry of the Month to highlight different ministries in the parish
      - a. CLOW to start in October
    - 2. Have ministers at all doors at recessional to greet parishioners as they leave.
  - v. New Translation to Roman Missal - John Abreu
    - 1. When do we start making presentations to parish: November 12/13 – Fellowship Sunday
      - a. After Mass on Sunday – any other times? Possibly Nov. 19/20 if need dictates
  - vi. Survey – As Pastoral Council, we need to provide focus
    - Timeline: January 2012 be our goal to get survey out
    - Survey Monkey + CCD / sacrament students + bulletin insert – bring up at 10/27 working committee meeting
- d. Next meeting November 29<sup>th</sup> – John Abreu to lead sharing