

SUMMARY STM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 23, 2012

The first Council meeting of the new year began at 7pm in the library with prayer by MaryEllen Webb, who led the opening prayer with an Irish spiritual poem, "Blessings" by John Donahue. Members shared thoughts on the moving presentation.

Commission Reports

1. **Service** – Chair, MaryEllen Webb: group will meet in February. Many large food and monetary donations received for Food Pantry. Served 37 families last week. Group interested in sharing cards with families who have lost loved ones. They will check with bereavement coordinator, Ann Kimball, to review the needs.
2. **Fellowship** – Chair, Alberto Manalo: Coffee and Donuts held 2x a month now; group needs more help with social activities – we will review new registration volunteer sheets to involve more new parishioners. Soup and Bread Suppers begin Wed. February 29. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 17, will follow 5pm Mass at 6:30pm in the gym. Group will meet in February.
3. **Campus Ministry** – Regina Attisano UNH Rep and Cheryl Goldthwaite Associate Chaplain: Regina is working with Cheryl on an Appreciative Inquiry method of long range planning – to develop program, identify strengths and reach out to more alums. Cheryl had a meaningful trip with students to Bethlehem Farm. 8 students plus Cheryl dare registered to go to 'Honduras and will be having a raffle and bake sale fundraisers. CSO starting for the new semester. Student Mass and suppers are underway.
4. **Stewardship** – Chair, Andy Lelio: shared sad news that Elaine Walczak has resigned her staff position – leaving a big hole to fill – Elaine will be greatly missed - good news she will continue on Stewardship Commission. Group working with Fr. Andy to formulate a job description to begin search for part time staff admin/finance position. March is budget time. Andy reviewed financial statements.
5. **Pastor** - Fr. Andy enjoyed his trip to England and was inspired for his Lenten series on St. Thomas More which follows Soup and Bread Suppers at 7pm in the church.
6. **Worship** – Rep, Stephen Bobick, reported great attendance at Christmas liturgies and a good response to the revised prayers and responses in the Roman Missal. We will sing the Roman Missal Chant Mass for Lent as requested by the Diocese for all parishes. We will kneel for sung Kyrie during lent.
7. **Spirituality/RCIA** – Chair Roberta MacBride: 4 RCIA candidates preparing for Rite of Election 1st Sunday in Lent; 6-week Adult formation renewal "Living the Eucharist" will begin the week of Ash Wednesday – have 4 facilitators at this point – hope we will get a good response. Prayer Shawl ministry knitting many shawls for parishioners and Fr. Andy's visits to hospice.

Meeting closed with Hail Mary – next meeting Monday, March 12 – Finance will lead prayer