

Tuesday, January 12, 2010
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

In Attendance:
PPC Members:

Ted Polk, chair
Paul Aichele, vice-chair
Paula Boll
Roland Catherall
Jim Connell
Mike Harrison
Fr. John Hennessey
John Jurecko
Russ Lehocky
Gerrie Neville
Ann Oakley
Gerry Salzman
Sue Zimmer
Bill Zorc
Rena Calanca, secretary

Absent:
Randy Nipper

Guests:
Staff:
Mary Causey
Fr. Val Laini
Sue Lehocky
Charlie Lynch
Pat Lynch
Allison Mogge
Kevin Murphy
Joe Newman
Catherine Sims
Regina Thibeau

Task Force, Men's Council, Women's Council, Commissions, Ministries, and others:

Kathy Andrews
Jack Brennan
Lizz Dabney
Christine Handel
Sean Hogan
Penny Klestinski

Jennifer Kolber
Arlyss Lasecki
Bob Lasecki
Kathleen O'Connor
Des Padin
Chuck Sommer
Tom Zimmer

Our gathering began with a joyful welcome back to Fr. John, followed by Breaking Open the Word. Members of the Task Force, including Roland Catherall, Kathleen O'Connor, and Kevin Murphy, presented to the PPC, staff, and other guests, an overview of the results of the "Joe Study" along with an interpretation of those results and some recommendations for consideration by the parish. The goal for this part of the evening was to identify, based on the data from the Joe Study, specific areas in which to begin to obtain further feedback from our parishioners by way of focus groups with the goal of determining concrete action points upon which to focus our efforts. The four areas that are being considered are Expectations, Inviting, Spirituality, and Living Your Strengths. A potential timeline was sketched, with the intended conclusion of this portion of the follow up to be some time this summer. Further information on the strategies / logistics to be used in the implementation of these focus groups will be forthcoming.

Following this portion of the meeting, Des Padin, Gerry Salzman, Chuck Sommer, and Tom Zimmer presented the PPC and guests with their Mission Statement, Vision Statement, organizational structure, and strategies for providing a structure for engagement for, not just the men of the Council / men who have gone through the Christ Renews His Parish formation process, but for all of the men of the parish, as well. Des, Gerry, Chuck, and Tom, brought with them their passion for the continue movement of the Holy Spirit in our parish, especially as is occurring through the channel of the men of St. Joe's.

Throughout the evening, there was much affirmation of the Spirit and of the fruits of the efforts of all who are dedicated to hearing the call of conversion and keeping the flame of the Spirit burning brightly in our community. Members of PPC were reminded to save the date, Saturday, February 27, for our Day of Renewal.

Respectfully submitted,
Rena Calanca