

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council  
March 9, 2010

In attendance:

Paul Aichele  
Ted Polk  
Ann Oakley  
Gerrie Neville  
Michael Harrison  
Paula Boll  
Sue Zimmer  
Bill Zorc  
Randy Nipper  
Jim Connell  
Fr John Hennessey  
Rena Calanca

Absent:

Roland Catherall  
Gerry Salzman  
Russ Lehocky  
John Jurecko

Guests:

Joe Newman  
Pat Lynch  
Kathleen O'Connor  
Kevin Murphy

Our gathering began with Breaking Open the Word , the parable of the Prodigal Son, which was followed by interesting, meaningful reflection. Pat Lynch, Director of Liturgy, invited the members of PPC to take an active role in the Sacred Triduum liturgies by reminding us of our call to Servant Leadership. Pat will email all of us an invitation and she asks that we each reply to her.

Joe Newman provided us with a detailed financial report and explained the current state of the economy as regards the parish.

Kathleen O'Connor and Kevin Murphy, two of the leaders of the Task Force, engaged in conversation with us about the progress of the "Joe! Study". They reported that 83 people had participated in one of the Focus Groups and that they were still processing the data collected. Ann Oakley suggested specifically inviting the parents of the St. Joseph School families as well as the people who are engaged in the Christ Renews His Parish formation process to participate in a focus group, as well, in an attempt to garner additional data. Kevin and Kathleen foresee publishing a mini-study which reflects the interests of those who participated in the focus groups. Kathleen and Kevin imagine a

period of formation and spiritual growth for our parish which may lead up to the preparation of a Covenant for folks to accept and commit to as part of the expectations of a St Joseph parishioner. We talked about a time frame for this process, but did not come to any consensus, since many of the factors remain to be clarified as we move forward.

Due to the lengthy conversation with Kathleen and Kevin, we concluded our gathering before addressing a few other agenda items, which will be rolled over for our April meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rena Calanca