

Parish Pastoral Council – June 8, 2009

AGENDA & MINUTES

I. Welcome

New member Pat Ortendahl was welcomed.

II. Opening Reading & Reflection

Mark 14:12-26 (*The Council members reflected and shared about Sunday's Gospel reading.*)

III. Topics for discussion:

Handout – Questions for Planning.

Prior to the meeting, the Council members were asked to reflect on the following questions which come from the new director for the Office of Planning, Fr. David Couturier, OFM:

- What was you/your people's experience of reconfiguration? What positive things did it accomplish? What challenges did it leave behind?
- What key principles/values/criteria should guide pastoral planning in your area?
- How do you think the Pastoral Center and the Office of Pastoral Planning can serve your needs and interests when it comes to planning?
- What positive steps in pastoral planning have you made? Where are the sticking points that are making progress and effectiveness in collaboration difficult?
- In short: with regard to planning in the archdiocese...
 - What should we start doing?
 - What should we stop doing?
 - What should we change doing?

As a start, the conversation centered on the first two bullet items listed above. Council members' responses included:

- *"Much hurt, many have moved along, but what about those who have not, the lost sheep?"*
- *"Some still feel lost."*
- *"Still not feeling completely welcome."*
- *"Not sure if it is ok to set roots."*
- *"Financially, how can we best pool our resources for all Catholics in Brockton?"*
- *"Is it time to look at a mega-parish in Brockton versus keeping neighborhood parishes?"*
- *"The outreach to our youth has been wonderful."*
- *"How do we also reach out to other age groups?"*
- *"Criteria should include a multi-generational approach."*
- *"Criteria should also include the ethnic dimension."*
- *"Values to maintain and include are honesty and transparency."*
- *"More information needs to be made available regarding the Brockton Catholic Collaborative efforts."*

(Note: see www.brocktoncpc.org.)

The discussion was fruitful and honest. The members will continue the discussion among the parishioners they meet and at the next meeting.

IV. Next scheduled PPC Meeting: Monday, September 14th at 7:00pm

V. Recent events & calendar of upcoming events:

(a) RECENT:

1. 03/24 Tuesday..... LT LIFT @ Fontbonne
2. 04/05 Sunday FFF Palm Sunday
3. **04/09Thursday Holy Thursday**
4. **04/10Friday Good Friday**
5. **04/11Saturday Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil**
6. **04/12Sunday Easter!**
7. 04/25 Sat. – Sun. LT spring Retreat
8. 05/02 Saturday PFC
9. 05/17 Sat. – Sun 1st Eucharist Masses
10. 05/31 Sat/Sun Pentecost

(b) UPCOMING:

1. 06/10 Wednesday ... RCAB Priests Convocation
2. 06/19 Friday Year of the Priest begins
3. 06/28 Sunday Broc-Collab Pulpit sharing
4. 06/12 Friday TCA Graduation Mass
5. 06/16 Tuesday..... RCAB IFRC meeting
6. 06/21 Sunday LT Father’s Day social
7. 07/12 Sunday RF Family Social
8. 07/18 Saturday ARISE cookout
9. 08/15 Saturday Parish Picnic

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TERMS AS OF 09/07/08:

3 year term (eff. 10/08)

Momplasisir, Marie
Ortendahl, Pat
Regan, Kathy

2 years

Gardner, Harold
St. Cyr, Marie

1 year

*Cowell, Danny
Dikmak, Mitch
Fargo, Jack
Lebrun, Ludwige
Perry, Carol
Spingel, Carl

*Youth representative.