

Sacred Heart Pastoral Council
March 27, 2017

Absent: Diane Walling, Steven Good

I. Opening Prayer – Nan Tulchinsky

II. Review and approve minutes from November 21, 2016

III. Pastor's Report by Father Tom

- ❖ Parish Office to move in July 2017 – New address is 1873 Moreau Drive, Notre Dame IN 46556. Files must be removed and shredded along with ordering new stationery and change of address filed for mail and delivery. Definitive date will be established at the end of April.
- ❖ 175th Anniversary of SHP glassware - Glassware sales YTD \$2500 with a Y/E goal of \$10k. Nan Suggested that we sell glasses after masses on Sundays of Graduation, Alumni Weekend and Football weekends this fall.
- ❖ 175th Closing celebration is planned for Epiphany, 2018. Father Tom will write Bishop Rhoades to invite him to preside at the 11:30 AM Basilica Mass on January 7, 2018, followed by a luncheon in the Morris Inn.
- ❖ 4:00 Mass – Attendance has increased to 125-180 people attending Saturday 4:00 pm Mass in the Crypt. Fr Tom suggested not moving to the PC until after Graduation to not disrupt increasing attendance and seating accommodations.
- ❖ Finance Council is working on the budget. Overall increases in contributions and Bishops Appeal have led to a healthy budget and provided for additional expenses. Would like to see increased use in the EFT method for consistency. Add to bulletin.
- ❖ Easter – We will baptize 2-3 catechumens at the Easter Vigil on April 15, 2017. On March 26, we received three candidates into full communion with the Catholic Church at the 11 AM Sunday Mass that day.
- ❖ Notes – Pat Cahill suggested that more publicity should be given to the 175th Anniversary by adding historical information to the bulletin and website. Perhaps selections from the Parish history book could be put in the Parish bulletin.

IV. Religious Education – Michelle Kriss

- ❖ Classes are going well, participation is high, exceeding the Diocesan benchmark of 25 sessions each year.
- ❖ Adult Faith Group – The Study of the Psalms – 18 participants.
- ❖ *Why Catholic?* – 8 Groups with a total of 80 Participants
- ❖ *After the last Why Catholic? Session we will have a "Movie Night" using the 50" tv. We will show the movie "Risen". The event will take place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 23rd immediately following Mass in the chapel, and then a pizza supper in the Community Room.*
- ❖ Vacation Bible School – The last week in June 25th-30th – Registration begins soon.

V. Social Justice Ministry report – Tom Nowak

- ❖ Dismas House meeting after spring break, participation has been high.
- ❖ Dismas Dinner is on April 19th, 2017
- ❖ Our Lady of the Road monthly breakfast is going very well. Now having Mass at 8:00 every Wednesday evening in the Chapel.

VI. Old Business

- ❖ Epiphany Mass and Brunch Report – Paul Thornton. Big success this year! Already reserved the room at Morris Inn for next year. Service and food was reported to be excellent with average serve time in 10 minutes.
- ❖ Speakers for monthly Christian issues tabled at last meeting to review. Being that University lectures/presentations have a wide audience and are available for SHP parishioners, we will continue to advertise selected lectures in the Parish bulletin: e.g. *The Book of Exodus*, *Integral Ecology (Father Ehrman, csc)*, *Populorum Progresio Anniversary Lectures*. Council agreed the need for additional coverage has been met.
- ❖ Ash Wednesday Mass and Simple Soup Lunch Report – Pat Cahill and Jane Mulligan. Went very well with 37 participants up from 34 the previous year. Variation in requested participation was well received and newly participating parishioners were honored to provide soup and bread for the event.
- ❖ Quote of the Season – “*God is not going to ask how much candy you gave up for Lent, He is going to ask you if you were good to others*”.
- ❖ The Seder Meal – 90 participants marks the highest yet! Improved atmosphere supporting various events of the Last Supper. Operations Manual is being created to protect the process and will include assigned seating for next year’s Seder.
- ❖ 175th Anniversary Ornaments – Tom Nowak, update. Basilica drawing for review, 4 inches in diameter, etched glass circular ornament. Approval pending successful re-negotiation of handling fees through ND of 10% or less and is there sales tax included .(Paul Eddy will get involved) We also need confirmation of availability being 4-5 weeks, and what the minimum order quantity would be.

VII. New Business and Upcoming Events

- ❖ Pictorial Directory, Father Tom. August 16th – 25th. We will have time slots around the weekend Mass times. 9:30 AM and 11 AM Masses August 19 will be in the Parish Center Chapel to make it easier to get your family picture taken. Requirements only 2-3 families per hour, schedule availability 2:00 – 9:00 pm Monday – Friday. 10:00 am – 5:00 pm on Saturday and 11:00 am – 6:00 pm on Sunday. Use of submitted pictures will be subject to additional fees, but we will do this for the homebound. *LifeTouch* has been chosen again for the vendor of choice.

- ❖ Draft Mission Statement – Father Tom: to be discussed at the April Council meeting.

*Founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1842,
Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame, Indiana,
gathers to celebrate Eucharist,
to be nourished by Word and Sacrament.*

*We move from the Eucharistic table into the larger community,
to make God known, loved, and served,
as instruments of compassion and peace to all people.
We welcome all who wish to join in this effort.*

- ❖ Round Table – Annie Coglianese asked to keep sending information for the web site.
- ❖ The Pilgrimage – Paul Thornton. Various groups from 3-5 days of walking. Or, Saturday, August 26th, a three mile pilgrimage walk in South Bend with Picnic and Mass following on the South Quad. Details to be published in bulletin and website.
- ❖ Note to Father Tom – Cancel Saturday 4 PM Crypt Mass August 26th because of the Closing Mass on the South Quad for the Notre Dame *Trail* celebration that day.

VIII. Closing Prayer – Paul Thornton

Next Meeting is April 24th at 7:00 in the Parish Center.

**Opening Prayer – Anne Coglianese
Simple Snack – Anne Borjas
Closing Prayer – Steve Good (if in attendance)
Submitted By Kim Spence**