

## **SHORT FORM COMMISSION REPORTS - December, 2015**

### **WORSHIP COMMISSION, December 7, 2015**

PRESENT: Marty Burke, Terry Crooker, Sr. Jacinta Doyle, Fr. Goebel

ABSENT: Audrey Kasak

RECORDER: Sr. Jacinta

DISCUSSION: Mercy Year – Some are suggesting to the Archbishop a reconciliation service with common absolution.

#### **REPORTS:**

Cecilia Felix is available as organist through Christmas season.

Fr. Goebel has spoken to someone in Kentucky, but he is not available until after Easter.

Finished financial campaign yesterday.

Liturgy and remembrance of deceased from parish very moving and well-attended by family members to receive candles.

Celebrating, inviting new ministers, possibly in February.

NEXT MEETING: January 4, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

### **PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION, December 7, 2015**

PRESENT: Mary Anne Boyd, Kathy Hays, Marian Kaiser, Jodi Knollman, Debbie Otero, Claire Tenhundfeld, Don Weinkam

ABSENT: Scott Middendorf

RECORDER: Jodi Knollman

MAINTENANCE: Discussion regarding Personal Responsibility versus Social Obligation. Don explained the difference between the two as Personal Responsibility being pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps and Social Obligation as the government helping. Too many people have the mentality that the poor are lazy and don't want to work when, in fact, that is not always the case. We discussed programs that do not simply hand over money, but instead teach a skill and the requirements of holding down a job. It was agreed that we need to hear about more programs that require the person in need to learn as well as pay it forward.

#### **DECISIONS:**

Members present reviewed the Peace and Justice logos drawn up by Jeff Weinkam and agreed unanimously that we preferred the block format with a smaller "&" sign.

We will invite Scott Stephens to give a presentation for the parish about Hunger in Ohio on January 24, 2016 in the cafeteria between the two morning Masses. Claire will put a flier in the bulletin for January 17, posters will be placed in the cafeteria during Hospitality Sunday, and a short blurb will be put in the January 3 and 10 bulletins.

Members decided to forego electing a permanent Chairperson, but instead will have a rotating facilitator to conduct the monthly meetings.

DISCUSSION: Members discussed "Faithful Citizenship". Pope Francis, in his address to Congress, reminded the politicians of their duty to serve the common good and not their own personal needs/wants/desires. We discussed having a forum to discuss current issues sometime in the spring. Members also discussed the importance of speaking what is in our minds/hearts during this forum and everyone should listen respectfully. We will not dictate how parishioners should vote. The Archdiocese is very careful to never dictate how/who to vote for and will not permit anything to be inserted in the bulletin or in the back of church that would do so.

NEXT MEETING: January 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

## **FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION, December 17, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Ying Boissy, Joe D'Angelo, Carol Gabis, Marianne Hartkemeyer, John Mercado, John Meyer, Claire Tenhundfeld

**ABSENT:** Deb Cook

**RECORDER:** Marianne Hartkemeyer

**TIME KEEPER:** John Mercado

**MAINTENANCE:** Article, "Adult Faith Formation: Will It Catch on This Time?" by Jane Regan. There was discussion on how Little Flower Faith Formation can "shift from children to adults". In the past when Little Flower School was open, parish adults could influence the younger crowd. Now adults come here because it is quiet. Lectures are one form of adult faith formation. Another form of sharing Christian faith is conversation or discussions in small groups where it is safe to be more open. It might be a good idea to have a person lead the conversations to help the group keep focus. After the lectures or conversation, how can we keep the conversation going?

**DECISION:** Role of Chairperson: This person should know the agenda, listen to everyone, and help others join in the discussion. Claire will help with maintenance ideas. We will take turns being the chairperson. Ying will be our first chairperson.

### **DISCUSSION:**

**Christmas Season Event:** Claire shared the blurb, "Closing the Door on Christmas" that will go into the bulletin. The event will take place on January 10 from 10:00 – 10:55 a.m. in the cafeteria. Marianne will assist Claire with the event.

**Adult Faith Formation Opportunities:** We want to offer adult education opportunities to help teach and get our parish members together. Possible topics are: Pope Francis' "Joy of the Gospel", a Catholic book series, Bible study, or DVD series.

**Survey:** We would like to develop a survey to find out what topics people are interested in and when would be a good time to meet. We hope to use the survey to help us in planning a Lenten program.

**NEXT MEETING:** January 21, 2016                      Chairperson: Ying Boissy; Recorder: John Mercado  
Time Keeper: Carol Gabis; Prayer Leader: Joe D'Angelo