

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes for 10/22/2019

In Attendance: Father Tetzl, Kat Wilson, Katie Edmonds, Eliseo Herrera, Susan Crandall, Garrett Wolfard, Evelin Vasquez, Annmarie Hare, Jenelle Gasper

Absent: Marco Vargas

Opening Prayer: Katie Edmonds

Parish Update from Fr. Tetzl:

- Lawton “Dutch” Knight is our new youth minister.
- Middle School Youth Group has 16 students registered and 9-10 regularly attend.
- High School Youth Group has 38 registered and Father Tetzl will cap attendance at 40 due to the size of the SPY room. It is very full! (Yay!!)
- Religious Education: all classes are well attended, especially Grades 3 – 5 where there are 131 students. Confirmation has 33 students. There may be an issue with English/Spanish translation when it comes to spiritual terms. Many Hispanic students are familiar with English but not necessarily with the English translation of Spiritual terms. Father Tetzl will think about this issue more.
- RCIA has 22 people attending. 3 of these attendees are not baptized. Father Tetzl has decided not to do a class that combines all 3 Rites.
- Marriage Prep in Spanish. A couple from our church is in the process of getting training. Father Tetzl will work with them to present classes here.

Looking Ahead:

November 9 – Vicariate Catechetical Workshop

November 22/23 - Pastoral Assembly Topic will be the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan

December 6 - Dr Bill Martin will have a talk on the new evangelization

December 9/10 – Archbishop Vlazney will present an Advent Mission in English

December 16/17 – Advent Mission in Spanish and Posadas

December 19 – Bilingual Advent Penance Service @ 7PM

Pastoral Plan Discussion:

The Council focused on “**Youth/Young Adult Ministry**”

1. Provide a quality, faithful program for our youth that facilitates education and interaction meaningful to them and promotes a deeper understanding of their faith and the development of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. *Dutch has experience interacting with youth.*
2. Personally invite young adults to participate in parish life – calling them to be active participants most especially in the Mass and help them plan how they will continue to mature and grow in their faith life and share their love of Jesus with others. *There seems to be a good group of young leaders. Working on a Youth covenant and trying to have kids take ownership over what is being learned.*
3. Provide families and youth information about ways to stay connected to and become fully integrated adults in the Catholic Church after Confirmation/high school graduation. *Working on this.*
4. Coordinate with other vicariate groups to provide opportunities for teens and young adults to participate in worship, ministry, and socialization with each other, calling them to live out their faith more fully at their current and future stages of life. *Have XLT in December and 1st Wednesday every other month with St Mary YG for service. They are helping at Silverton Community Dinner next. Father Tetzl thinks the Young Adult group is ready to go deeper, have deeper talks and less social time. The Service nights are not well attended either.*

5. Facilitate individual encounters with Christ as a community group within the framework of the Youth Program.
6. Promote the integration of Hispanic youth and young adults into all parish programs/activities while supporting and integrating their unique perspective and experience of coming of age among multiple languages, cultures and traditions.
7. Increase Youth Community Outreach – connect with other groups involved with youth led community service. *This will/may be driven by the Youth Group themselves.*
 - Father Tetzl also mentioned that Mount Angel Abbey has their own Young Adult Ministry now. It meets on the last Friday of the month at the Brewery.
 - Katie Edmonds brought up teaching the Theology of the Body to our 7-8th Graders with separate classes for girls/boys. Edith Stein has a book that might be good to present. Father Tetzl will present this idea to Dutch.

Next Meeting: November 19th @ 7PM (We will discuss **Prayer and Divine Worship** section of the Pastoral Plan)