

St. Anne's Pastoral Council Meeting
April 19, 2012

In attendance: Fr. Brandon, Margaret Shore, Donna Dominguez, Dan Gruber Ana Molina, Thelma Ahn, Tom Driscoll, Annette Murdaca, Laura Sandoval, Ben & Graciela Huerta, Joan Cahill, Juan Herrera, Angie Rogan

The meeting opened with Adoration, Benediction, and Evening Prayer in the Chapel

The meeting continued in the dining room, and the first order of business was a presentation by our guest, Elvira Ramirez of Catholic Charities. Elvira spoke about a new program in the diocese that provided counseling for families. Three parishes in Stanislaus County have started the program. A full-time clinician has been hired to supervise the interns that will be facilitating the program. Catholic Charities is offering St. Anne's Parish the opportunity to join four other parishes in the 10 week parenting education course called "Nurturing Program". Some of the themes being addressed are substance abuse prevention, teen pregnancy prevention, and domestic violence prevention. Fr. Brandon would like St. Anne's to focus on gang violence and offer an opportunity for the greater Lodi community to participate. The Spanish community would have the first chance to join the program, and an English session could also be available. A suggestion was made to offer the program to the Spanish Bible Study group that meets on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm with Maria Carmen. The Council members agreed with Fr. Brandon that this program would be a good fit for our parish community.

Thornton PPC Update: Laura reported that a workshop by Fr. Jose Luis was held during Holy Week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday bilingual services were held. The activities of Holy Week were successful and well received by the community.

Petal Ministry Report: Donna gave the Council members a handout for the transition of petal representatives and PPC members. In summary, the transition for petal representatives will involve each ministry selecting 2 people (one representative and one alternate) and introducing them to the community at the PMP Day of Reflection on July 21st. The commitment would be for one year. The transition for Pastoral Council involves every ministry selecting one member of their ministry or the parish community and

bringing the name of the nominee to the June Petal Meeting. At the June meeting, the ministries in each petal will narrow it down to 2 nominees. The Ministry Team will take the nominees from each petal and narrow it down further. At the June Day of Reflection, the nominees will be presented and 6 members will be elected. The elected members will replace six “veteran” members of the Council. Elections will take place every other year. The newly elected members will begin their term at the August PPC meeting.

Father Brandon’s Updates:

- Pastoral Plan: The plan is moving ahead with Chris Miracle agreeing to head the committee.
- Spanish Mass: There will be a Spanish weekday Mass every Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the Chapel.
- 10 week Catholicism series on Monday nights is going well with 100 to 150 in attendance. A schedule of the themes is on the website.
- Sister Sharon has joined the staff.
- Name Tag Sunday went very well. Teen Mass was especially successful with Father Bill working the purpose of name tags into his homily.
- Chapel: A clock will be in the vestibule area and a fan will be added to the bathroom.
- Easter Tridium Feedback was positive. The Easter Vigil was beautiful and very well done. On Holy Thursday, the people felt a part of the celebration with the washing of the feet.
- Father Brandon will be starting a Master’s program in Church Administration. Father will be going to Pennsylvania for 2 weeks this summer. Father will be working one day at the diocesan offices and one day studying for his Master’s program.
- St. Joachim Parish: Deacon Bill Warren will be the administrator and Father Joseph will be doing Masses and Sacraments for now.
- Father Brandon read a letter from the Bishop regarding Youth and Young Adults. Father has asked Council members to read the document approved by the Bishop, reflect on the content, and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Meeting ended with prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Angie Rogan