

## Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council Meeting November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Board room

Present: Fr. Pierre Champoux – pastor  
 Rene Brunet  
 Mireille Church  
 Deacon Paul Coderre – pastoral assistant  
 Bernie Hartlin  
 Christal Leahy  
 Philippe Moquin  
 Sharron Quinn

Regrets:

Martin David – KofC representative  
 Chris McKensie (leaving the parish)  
 Katie Roberts – Youth representative

1. Opening prayer - Fr. Pierre

2. Pastor's report

- a) Remembrance Day celebration : It went well but there are a few things we should plan for next year such as planning for a wreath and having an honour guard from the Knights of Columbus or the Legion.
- b) Lectors: A meeting with the lectors is organised to review how to proclaim the Word and as a follow-up for the returning lectors and to guide the new ones.
- c) Next Sunday after the 11:00 mass there is a pot-luck for the altar servants followed by a movie (Polar Express)
- d) On November 28<sup>th</sup> the movie night will show “Star of Bethlehem”
- e) Advent reconciliation service will occur December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. On the 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a 40 minute talk on generational sin based on Fr. Deogrades’ work as well as an examination of conscience. The 16<sup>th</sup> there will be mass in the morning and in the evening there will be a brief examination of conscience followed by private confessions.
- f) Youth Ministry – will be discussed later.

3. Refugee Family:

The family of 6 has arrived and are living with an uncle They have come bearing gifts and only speak French as they are from the Congo so Fr. Pierre had to practise his French. They will require help once they find a place to live. We also have money in trust for an immigrant family who is now in Toronto.

4. Dr. Poppa’s gift for the stained glass windows.

It will be suggested that it be auctioned off during the golf tournament in the spring.

5. Priest in residence.

Fr. John met with Fr. Pierre and has accepted to live in with a stipend of \$1000.00. He is presently starting a doctoral thesis on the role of collaborative ministry with parishioners. He is on a 6 month probationary trail and his stay is for a maximum of three years. It sounds like he is a good fit with our parish and has offered to help out most days except Monday and Wednesdays when he is at St. Paul’s University. This is somewhat less than the salary for Fr. Oliver that was already budgeted.

6. Peggy Lowery’s gift

As Peggy and her husband do not enjoy eating out, Sharron got a print done and presented it to her. She was very grateful and sent a card of thanks.

7. Quilt sale

Sharron and her husband are selling this weekend but need help and also need to cover the masses for the last two weekends.

## 8. Stained Glass windows.

They will be installed the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The window will be unveiled on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 11:00 mass.

## 9. Budget

Draft budget was circulated. Ray Fournier suggested that it will have to be pared back. Parish council looks after liturgy, social mission, education, parish and community life, as well as youth.

Bernie expressed concern about the timing of the ST. Vincent de Paul collection. Last year it was suggested that there only be two special collections: St. Vincent de Paul and social mission which is looked after by Dave Roberts. It seems like there need to be a meeting with these two organisations. Sharron will try to organise a meeting with Fr. Pierre, Bernie and Dave Roberts.

## 10. Youth Program

At the moment the youth programs are financed solely via the yellow envelopes. The problem is that we now have a full time youth minister and we have a shortfall.

Fr. Paul had made a few suggestions:

- a) leave the yellow envelopes as is
- b) fund raise to make more money ( e.g. CD or fall fair)
- c) pastoral council add funds

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Youth commission was given a mandate to provide suggestions and return to parish council.

At the moment the youth program is rebuilding and has 13 leaders and about 20 junior youth each Friday evening. There is a three-year plan to get the schools involved and at the moment there are retreats with the schools. Fr. Pierre has seen some youth successes. All agree that it is very important to the parish.

A long discussion as to how we could ensure proper funding without the yellow envelopes that seem to make the youth as a separate entity in our parish. If the yellow envelopes are eliminated we would have to engage the parish into contributing at least as much as they are already contributing via the yellow envelopes. Bernie suggested that with a realistic budget it is reasonable to have Fr. Pierre and Melissa explain the need for the youth ministry. The parish will generally respond generously.

Rene moved that the parish blend youth funding into general parish operation by eliminating the yellow envelopes. Mireille seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

## 11. Incense during the week

Some people find the incense aggravates their asthma and there is a request to possibly use it more sparingly. Fr. Pierre explained that they use a hypoallergenic type but he will try to use less though there is a pastoral and liturgical meaning that he would not like to lose.

Mireille moved that we adjourn - Christal seconded.

Next meeting – Social at Fr. Pierre's residence Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:30pm