

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2009

In Attendance: Frank Beck, Mandy Best, Nancy Dickinson, Jan Driscoll, Bob Fox, Fr. Mallick, Dennis Zuiker

Absent: Becci Dodson, Sue Jackson, Teri Ohan,

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm by Frank Beck. Father Mallick gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Fr. Mallick's Comments:

Father would like the council to review in depth "A Pastoral Letter on Consultation in the Parish", written on September 17, 1984 by Bishop John R. Keating. He feels it will help us all to set goals as to what we want to look at next year.

Some upcoming events for SHM Parish are noted below:

- A Culture of Life Mass on January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, to begin at 6 pm. The mass will be directed toward healing and reconciliation and will be followed by a candlelight procession to the Memorial Wall.
- The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) is being pushed by the House in Washington, DC, to repeal everything and anything that has been passed by individual states regarding Pro-Life over the past 30 years. The Archdiocese and Bishops are preparing a letter campaign, headed by the Respect Life Committee. Prepared cards will be available to all parishes so that individuals can send them to their congressmen and senators on January 24/25.
- The Church at Large – Awareness of what is happening in the Holy Land is a large concern at this time.
- There will be several representatives of the Melkite Eastern Catholic Church at SHM this weekend. They will have some olive wood carvings for sale to help support their efforts as they prepare to return to Palestine.
- Holy Hour – SHM now has Adoration every Friday after the 7:30 am Mass. This is a time for reconciliation for the attendees and the parish at large. It is hoped that sometime in the near future, Adoration can be scheduled for the entire Friday.
- Confessions are now being heard every Monday from 5:30 to 6:00 pm.

- There will be a meeting of the adult choir members and the interim music director **with** Fr. Mallick this Sunday at 4pm. This is a chance to work out any concerns of the choir in a constructive, charitable way.

New Business:

Time and Talent results were presented in a booklet. It was noted that there was a good turnout of volunteers in every category. A question was brought up regarding Christmas Mass at Boulder manor. Jan Driscoll has offered to speak with Bob Woody to see what has been done in the past. Also, Fr. Mallick will pursue what can be done on Ash Wednesday for the residents.

Father reviewed the Christmas masses and was very impressed with attendance, support and the reverence shown during the masses. The 4 pm Vigil was the best attended, with 11 am Christmas Day the next most attended. The music was well done, and the Ministry was well covered except for the 11 am Christmas Mass (typically not very well attended, so there could have been more Liturgical Ministers scheduled.

The 2009 tithing results were good, with at least 90% of tithing families responding.

The St. Paul Pilgrimage was briefly discussed, with Nancy offering to get brochures out to at least some of the other Boulder parishes. The tour currently has commitments for at least half of the minimum group size, with the deadline set for January 28.

Roundtable Discussion:

Frank Beck brought our attention to a debate, entitled, "What's so Great About God? – Atheism vs. Religion." to be held on January 26th at Mackey Auditorium (CU-Boulder) at 7pm. The debate, organized by the university's Aquinas Institute for Catholic Thought, will feature Dinesh D'Souza and Christopher Hitchens presenting their cases for and against organized religion, its influence on world history and impact on current events. Tickets can be purchased at several locations in Boulder or on line.

Frank also asked about Stations of the Cross during Lent. Father Mallick said he was pursuing having Stations following the Lenten Soup nights (hopefully to be held on Fridays).

Bob Fox asked about the "Calling Forth" process this year and how it would be handled. The subject was tabled for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with a closing prayer by Father Mallick.

NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the SHM offices.