

## Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

**Present:** Fr. Hogan, Fr. Keyes, Bill Dolan, Joan Thompson, Diane Demoulas, Tom Ippolito, Maryann Marinelli, MaryAnn Nawrocki, Brian Norris, Chuck Papalia, Mary Alice Rock

**Absent:** Fr. Delaney, Joe Smith, Ted Snell, Jim Wefers

**Special Guests:** St. Vincent de Paul Society  
John Fragala – President  
John Driscoll – Treasurer  
Roseann Dinuccio – Spiritual Coordinator

**Minutes:** Tom Ippolito

**Meeting called to order at 7pm by Bill Dolan**

**Opening Prayer:** Mary Alice Rock

Each member introduced him/herself. Three guests present to talk about St. Vincent de Paul (see special guests above).

Bill Dolan: Called for a report from the St. Vincent de Paul members to inform the council how they minister to people in need.

John Fragala: led the discussion. He talked about the approximately 90+ families being helped.

St. Michael's fuel collection last winter raised \$13,000. The Society has approximately \$8,000 left. Fuel has been given out (usually) in 100 gallon allotments.

The Society has not publicized that fuel money is available, but as visits are made and the need for fuel arises, then we address it.

General discussion followed: Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, collection of Christmas presents, teams in the collection process, distribution, etc.

### **ARISE:**

Mary Alice: The program is off to a great start. There are approximately 120 people involved. Mary Alice pointed out that she was steered to the ARISE program through her involvement in the Christ Seekers program. She said that it currently involves small group meetings where the discussion is about how God works in their lives. She said that the Diocese will have 30,000 people in the program and they will further the work of Jesus Christ on earth.

### **CHRIST SEEKERS:**

Fr. Keyes: Dorothy Consiglio has taken over the Christ Seeker program. He attended her first meeting and said she is an excellent teacher and it all was well done.

## **SETON CENTER:**

Mary Alice: Meeting last Tuesday brought several groups together. They were shown the video and given the full presentation. Problem was many from different groups did not know they were invited due to a gap in communications.

Fr. John: At the meeting Mary Alice was talking about, as well as their meeting at the Diocesan level, it was said that “this building will be built.” However, we will “push the pause button” for a couple months until the economy turns around.

Mary Alice: St. Michael’s had an environmental company here to evaluate the convent and their conclusion was that it is safe to occupy.

There is a gift and legacy program/workshop to be held at the archdiocese level and Mary Alice said she would sign up anyone that is interested.

## **MASSES:**

Bill Dolan: At the last meeting questions of Mass length came up with comments for and against time spent.

Susan Haltmaier: Why not appeal to people to park in different places?

Mary Ann Nawrocki: We shouldn’t shorten Masses for expedience and take away prayer time.

Joan Thompson: It’s a great dilemma to have people interfering with each other (coming and going because of volume).

Some additional comments made but no conclusions or suggestions.

## **WELCOME SUNDAY:**

Bill Dolan: He would like all members at 10:30am Mass with badges on . All Souls Day is Sunday, November 2, which is Welcome Sunday.

## **Other:**

There will be a Mass of Blessing (healing) on October 23 at 3pm.

Bill Dolan: Catholic Digest has a program to send the military subscriptions. This could make a military person very happy.

Susan Haltmaier: Would like the idea of posting song numbers in church. Could this be considered for use in the future? (subject to be discussed)

**Next meeting is November 10 in the Youth Ministry Center.**

Meeting adjourned.