



## Saint Ann Catholic Church

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### Minutes of PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 11/14/17

#### In attendance:

Msgr. J. Bruce Jarboe  
Ian Hamilton  
Stephen Heffner  
Carolyn Donegan  
Robert Cathor  
Jacob Minang  
Darrin Sabol  
Erin Walshkirkman  
Kevin Bowen - Youth Member  
Morgan Nicholas - Youth Member

#### Agenda

- 1) Introductory Items - Liturgy of the Hours, Review of Minutes, Report of Chair, Report of Pastor
- 2) Information Item highlights - Formation, Outreach, Parish Life, Stewardship and Worship
- 3) Discussion Items - Ministry Fair and Pastoral Plan
- 4) Concluding Items - Future Agenda Items, Closing Prayer

#### Introductory Items

- ◆ The two Youth Representatives, Kevin Bowen and Morgan Nicholas, followed by an opening prayer.
- ◆ The Minutes of the 10/10/2017 meeting were reviewed. It was noted that 3 PC members (Mary Lawrence, Carolyn Donegan and Robert Cathor) who were present at the 10/10/2017 meeting were not listed on the attendance roster. Another PC member (Margaret Gyurisin) who was not at the 10/10/2017 meeting was mistakenly listed as having been present at the meeting.
- ◆ Report of the Chair: Focusing primarily on the subject of “evangelization”, note was made of a strong encouragement for the parish to continue to strengthen its community outreach activities. Examples of activities planned and/or proposed include: inviting the National Christian Choir (which has been finalized and the choir will be in Hagerstown in Spring 2018), inviting people in the community (nonfaith or people of other denominations) to activities at St Ann Parish, having a welcoming culture (such as encouraging members of the congregation to greet and chat with people around them before or after Mass). Msgr Jarboe described that evangelization involves three points of focus: 1) bringing in (those who may not have any connection with the Christian spiritual life, 2) bringing back (Catholics who may not be practicing the faith), 3) bringing forward (Catholics current whose participation is modest and could be developed and expanded).

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- ◆ Report of the Pastor: Four items were noted:
  - 1) Hagerstown Area Religious Council (HARC) will celebrate its annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 11/19/2017 with Msgr. Jarboe invited to serve as principal speaker
  - 2) on Tuesday February 20, 2018 at 7:00pm, a Catholic-Lutheran Evening Prayer Service will take place at Saint Ann Church in observance of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. All Catholic and Lutheran clergy and congregation members in Washington, Frederick and Allegany Counties will invited to this event, led by Catholic Bishop Dennis Madden and Lutheran Bishop William Gohl
  - 3) new signage is being added to the campus of St Ann Parish to make it easier and clearer for parishioners and visitors/guests to participate in activities here
  - 4) a generous donor is supporting the cost of the purchase of new robes for the choir

#### Information Items

- Formation: Rob Cathor - Nothing new to report; positive feedback has been received from parents/students participating in a "bridge class" designed for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders who have not been in the typical sequence of religious instruction
- Outreach: Ralph Parchment - sent a comprehensive report by email
- Parish Life: Next meeting scheduled on 11/16/2017
- Stewardship: Finance Council to meet the following week to do a high-level overview of Parish finances in preparation for the development of the FY 19 Budget.
- Worship: Carolyn Donegan - encouraged PC members to consider serving in various liturgical ministries (eg. Ushers, Greeters, etc.); plans are coming together for Advent-Christmas seasons, including a Tree Lighting and Caroling event on 12/23/17 immediately following the 5:00pm Mass; future discussion items will include developing plans for the Lent, Triduum and Easter seasons and exploring possibilities for introducing more widely to the parish the celebration of The Liturgy of the Hours

#### Discussion Items

- ◆ Ministry Fair: Advertising of all church ministries. Scheduled for weekend of January 13 - 14, 2018. People will be encouraged to join a ministry or rotate between ministries
- ◆ Pastorate/Pastoral Plan: A review was offered of the relationship of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Process and our Parish Pastoral Plan. In light of the realities of fewer priests, decreased practice of the faith, aging facilities and challenging finances, the archdiocesan "Be Missionary Disciples" initiative groups parishes into units called "Pastorates" (1 or more parishes led by one priest as its Pastor) for evangelization-based pastoral planning, to be introduced in several phases over time (St. Ann and St. Mary Parishes will be formed as one pastorate beginning in Phase III, sometime in the year 2020). Pilot phase parishes have recently begun to participate in the process.

#### Concluding Items

- ◆ Future Agenda Items:
  - church security (in light of recent events of violence)
  - new member ID process next spring (from January 2018)
- ◆ Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:35 pm

Next Pastoral Council meeting: Tuesday December 12, 2017.

Minutes Compiled by

Jacob Minang, **Secretary**