

Minutes
September 11, 2005

Members in Attendance:

Jacqueline Bean	Richard Gillis
Eileen Casey	Chris McInerney
Fr. Crowley	Fr. McNulty
David Cunningham	Betty Murphy
Mary Gabriel	Judee Thomas

Fr. Crowley led the opening prayer at 7:30 p.m.

Religious Education:

David Cunningham opened the agenda with a report from Judith West on the revised grades one through 8 religious education program. Judith had attended the Lifelong Faith Institute in June, and is incorporating concepts gained through that experience. The focus will be on the sacraments, as with Generations of Faith. Students will work in teams under the guidance of adult team leaders. Topics will mirror those being experienced by Generations of Faith. The first sacrament to be covered will be Reconciliation.

St. Vincent de Paul Update:

Meetings of St. Vincent de Paul resumed on alternate Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. The group is attempting to keep their activities limited to Middleboro resources, but does know other resources when needed. Members are manning the food pantry at least once per month for persons in need. Membership includes approximately twelve men and women. At this time it is not known what Middleboro Outreach will be doing during this year.

St. Rose of Lima

St. Rose of Lima has two representatives on the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council. Despite invitations, they do not attend the meetings. Fr. Lanergan is paid by Massachusetts Correctional Institute and draws no salary or funds from the parish. Sacred Heart Parish pays the insurance expenses, which are not identified as separate costs. The parish maintains a solvent account in the bank, but in terms of active attendees cannot support a pastor of its own. These sacramental figures for the past year are approximate:

Funerals:	3
Baptisms:	20
First Communion:	19
Confirmation	10
Weddings:	3

Fr. Crowley suggested the idea of exchanging Masses with Fr. Lanergan to help the people of St. Rose become more accustomed to being in relationship with Sacred Heart.

Action Items:

1. _David Cunningham will contact the representatives before the next meeting.
2. Brainstorming for ideas to increase interaction between the two parishes will be taken up at subsequent meetings.

PPC Commissioning Ceremony:

Blessing and commissioning of the members will take place at the 11:00 o'clock Mass Sunday October 16, 2005.

Additional 5:30p.m. Sunday Mass:

First 5:30 p.m. Mass was offered today. Attendance numbered around 100 worshippers. Feedback is good. Total weekend attendance showed an increase over previous weeks, indicating that those who attended the 5:30 Mass have not been in attendance at the other weekend Masses at Sacred Heart. It would appear that we are attracting some of the parishioners we have been attempting to reach.

Parish Hall Improvements:

Fr. Crowley is in the process of taking estimates on renovations to the Parish Hall. Included in the items under consideration are:

- French drains and sump pumps
- Steel doors
- Replacement basement windows

David Cunningham's son is planning his Eagle Scout project, and will remove the damaged carpeting from the basement, treat the cement flooring for mold, and remove and replace the damaged ceiling tiles.

CORI:

All volunteers working for the parish must complete the questionnaire. Those who do not complete it before October 1, 2005 will have to complete the more invasive form, which is being developed this year by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Other Suggestions:

End of Mass blessings:

- For students
- For sports team players
- Recognition of birthdays
- Recognition of anniversaries

Other Suggestions, Cont'd.:

David Cunningham would like to begin compiling a history of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council since the beginning. Fr. Crowley has old newsletters that may be of some help in determining members and dates.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory conference room.