

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 18, 2004**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

FR.CROWLEY  
SUE BLACK  
RICHARD GILLIS  
MARY GALLAGHER  
JUDEE THOMAS  
DAVE CUNNINGHAM  
DEE WILKINSON  
TOM LYNCH  
FR.McNULTY

**TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

• **APPRECIATION DINNER**

IT WAS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION THAT NOT ALL VOLUNTEERS HAD RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO THE DINNER, MARY GALLAGHER WAS GOING TO FOLLOW UP WITH MINISTRY LEADERS TO ADDRESS THIS AND MAKE SURE ALL WERE INVITED.

IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED THAT SOME VOLUNTEERS, OTHER THAN THOSE IN MINISTRIES COULD ALSO BE INVITED. HOWEVER WITH THE POTENTIAL INVITES ALREADY AT 280, LIMITATIONS ON SEATING AT PARISH HALL COULD BECOME A PROBLEM.

• **ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR FOR PPC**

VOTING WILL BE HELD ON THIS MATTER AT THE NEXT MEETING May 23<sup>rd</sup>, COUNCIL MEMBER ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

• **RECONFIGURATION WORKSHOP**

CLAIRE St.LAURENT OF OUR PARISH STAFF ATTENDED A WORKSHOP DESIGNED TO PREPARE FOR THE RECONFIGURATION. BOOKLETS ARE BEING DEVELOPED FOR WELCOMING AND CLOSING PARISH'S. THESE BOOKLETS WILL ADDRESS VARIOUS AND HELPFUL WAYS TO HANDLE CHANGES TO THE PARISHES AFFECTED, WHETHER THEY WILL BE RECEIVING NEW PARISHIONERS OR BEING ACCEPTED INTO A NEW PARISH.

• **SACRED HEART CLOSING ?**

ADDRESSING THE CONTINUED RUMORS THAT SACRED HEART WILL BE CLOSING, FR. CROWLEY EXPRESSED THAT HE FELT THIS HIGHLY UNLIKELY AND ILLOGICAL THAT SACRED HEART WOULD BE SLATED TO CLOSE.

OFFICIAL DECISIONS ARE TO BE ANNOUNCED MID TO LATE MAY, AND ARE PRESENTLY BEING REVIEWED BY AN APPOINTED ARCHDIOCESAN GROUP DEDICATED TO THIS MATTER. ONCE THESE CHURCHES ARE DETERMINED IT APPEARS THAT THE TIME FRAME FOR THEM TO CLOSE AND SELL PROPERTIES WOULD BE VERY FAST, POSSIBLY ONLY A FEW MONTHS. ATTENTION WOULD FIRST HAVE TO BE GIVEN FOR THE REMOVAL OF ALL SACRED ITEMS AND RELIGIOUS FURNISHINGS (STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, ETC.).

• **ATTENDANCE HOLY WEEK**

ATTENDANCE WAS THE BEST FR.CROWLEY COULD REMEMBER SINCE HIS TENURE HERE AT SACRED HEART. THE TRIDUUM WAS VERY MEANINGFUL AND WAS GIVEN POSITIVE REMARKS FROM PARISHIONERS. MARY GALLAGHER WILL HOLD A FOLLOW UP MEETING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> TO GET MORE FEED BACK ON THE HOLY WEEK EXPERIENCE.

- **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

*FR. McNULTY'S MOTHER, ALONG WITH THE PARISH NURSES WILL BE CONDUCTING A GRIEF COUNSELING PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WILL BE 6 WEEKS AND WILL BEGIN MAY 11 TH FROM 6-7:30 PM. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT IT BE ADVERTISED IN THE MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE AND THE BROCKTON ENTERPRISE.*

- **GENERATIONS OF FAITH**

*JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> IS THE FIRST REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERATIONS OF FAITH PROGRAM BEING OFFERED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM. THIS YEAR.*

*IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT MORE KNOWLEDGE IS NEEDED IN REGARD TO PROGRAM AND THAT MARY GALLAGHER COULD POSSIBLY ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW AND OR ANNOUNCEMENT OF REGISTRATION, WITH SOME FACTS ABOUT PROGRAM, WITH THE MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE.*

- **FOOD DRIVE**

*DRIVE SEEMS TO BE GOING VERY WELL AND PANTRY APPEARS FULL. DAVE CUNNINGHAM AND HIS SCOUTS MAY BE IN NEED OF SOME ASSISTANCE NEXT YEAR.*

- **RECYCLING CANS FOR YOUTH**

*RECYCLING WAS MENTIONED BRIEFLY. THE LOGISTICS OF CLEANING, STORING AND REDEMPTION OF CANS WERE OF SOME CONCERN.*

- **CHURCH NOT OPEN EASTER AFTERNOON?**

*FR. CROWLEY RECEIVED A SPIRITED COMPLAINT THAT THE CHURCH WAS NOT OPEN ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON. FATHER EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE CHURCH REMAINS OPEN MOST DAYS, WITH ALL THREE PRIESTS OUT OF RESIDENCE THAT DAY, THE CHURCH WAS LOCKED FOR SAFETY REASONS.*

**NEXT MEETING  
MAY 23, 2004 @ 12:15PM**