

Pastoral Council Meeting November 9, 2015  
Minutes

**Present:**

Members: Elizabeth Licitra, Betty Chrestensen, Marilyn Rodriguez, Pat Mellen, Cathy Burleson, David Neu, Ruth Licitra, Joan Butler, Rita O'Neil, and Matt Rich.

Staff: Father Ed Hislop, Judy Cooney, and Deacon Ron Butler.

**1. Gathering Prayer:**

The Gathering Prayer and Reflection was led by Fr. Ed.

**2. Additions to the Agenda:**

*Gathering Prayer and Refreshments:* Fr. Ed would like someone assigned to lead the prayer and reflection for each monthly meeting. He would also like someone to be assigned to prepare refreshments.

*Council Pictures:* Fr. Ed said that one picture was needed before pictures of the whole council could be posted on the parish website and it was taken after the meeting. **Action: Council Members agreed that the pictures are to be posted with each Pastoral Council member's name. Pastoral Council members may be contacted before or after Mass or through the Office.**

*Council Introduction:* Rita asked when the Pastoral Council would be introduced to Parishioners. Fr. Ed responded this would be scheduled at a later time. **Will be revisited at another time.**

**3. Maintain/Renew/Imagine Strategic Planning Team:**

Fr. Ed reported on the MRI Strategic Planning Team. There have been two meetings of the MRI Strategic Planning Team. The minutes of both meetings have been published in the Bulletin. They and information regarding the other MRI meetings and reports are available on the Parish website.

The Finance Council and the MRI Strategic Planning Committee have approved that Fr. Ed contact the architect. The architect will work with the electrical engineer to design a lighting plan for the worship space and, then, the entire building. The design needs to include the possible addition of a Marian Shrine. Next steps include possibly recalling Ken Griesemer to advise as well as fundraising concerns. The next meeting of the MRI Strategic Planning Committee is November 19, 2015.

**4. RCIA Institute at Blessed Trinity:**

Fr. Ed reported that the RCIA Institute will be held at Blessed Trinity on April 15—16, 2016. This is to be a major diocesan event which will be sponsored by Blessed Trinity. A preliminary brochure has been developed. The Institute will cost \$35/person before March 15<sup>th</sup> and \$45/person after March 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a discount offered for parishes sending more than five people.

**5. Diocese of Helena Finance Council Meeting:**

Betty reported on the Diocese of Helena Finance Council Meeting in Helena. There were workshops on tools available from the diocese to the parish and on Planning for the Future (estate giving). Much of the information is available at the Diocese of Helena website. There are hard copies of the Diocese of Helena Foundation Annual Report in the foyer.

The Material Safety Data Sheets notebook was also discussed at this meeting. Blessed Trinity does not have one as of yet. .

**6. Annual Catholic Appeal 2015/2016:**

Fr. Ed reported that Blessed Trinity has received commitments for 66% of our goal as of Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The diocese will issue a report on Thursday.

### **7. Diocese of Helena Rite of Christian Funerals:**

Fr. Ed reported that the Diocese of Helena has adopted, with a few changes, the Rite of Christian Funerals initiated in the Missoula Deanery. Workshops on the Rite of Christian Funerals will be held in 2016. Hard copies of the Rite of Christian Funerals are available in the foyer.

### **8. No Room at the Inn:**

Ruth reported on No Room at the Inn (NRATI). NRATI will take place from December 11—13, 2015. Set up will occur in the Social Hall the week prior to the event. The Gala will occur on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$25/person in advance and \$35/person at the door. Guadalupe Morning Prayer (10 am) followed by pan dulce with coffee will take place on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, will conclude with a Christmas Tea (all parishioners invited) beginning at 2:30pm. Price is to be determined. Closing prayer will be held at 4pm. Entry into the exhibit other than the events will be \$3/person.

### **9. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer:**

The 2015 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Saint Paul Lutheran Church. There will not be a Thanksgiving Mass at Blessed Trinity.

### **10. Faith Formation:**

*Adult Formation:* Judy reported that the next whole parish Faith Formation will be held Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (Feast of Saint Nicholas). The focus will be on Mary as our Mother both as individuals and as a church.

Laudato Si started Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and will continue November 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Hans and Barb Zuuring are facilitating Laudato Si.

*Youth Group:* There are five members in the Blessed Trinity Youth Group one of whom serves on the CYC Board. There are four children preparing for First Eucharist.

*Children's Faith Formation:* The first Children's Faith Formation will be held Friday, November 20, 2015 in the evening. It will be Advent themed.

### **11. Advent 2015:**

*Seeing the Word:* Thursdays December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. The focus will be on the Advent Liturgy.

*Vespers:* Vespers will be prayed every Sunday during Advent at 4pm.

### **12. The Synod on the Family:**

John Ries, PhD will present highlights from the Synod on the Family after the 10am Mass on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **13. Concluding Prayer:**

Rita led the Concluding Prayer.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held **Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth Licitra  
November 11, 2015