

## **Our Lady of Grace Pastoral Council**

Meeting Notes – October 18, 2005

Present: Arnulfo Barajas, Fr. Austin, Emmanuel DaSilva, Gonzalo DeVivero, Tim Donahoe, Maria Lazaro, Michael Kriste, Dori O'Shea, Walter Puth, Jon Robles, Vicky Scheibe, Alma Shirley, Liz Thorner and Maria Young

Absent:, Sr. Milda, Sr. Anne Paul

Emmanuel began the meeting at 7:30 pm with the approval of the July notes.

1. **Parish Update:** Father Austin gave a report on his sabbatical.
  - Confirmation will be Sunday, March 26, 2006. Bishop Wilkerson will preside
  - Bishop Jerry is in charge of studying the fact that there are not enough priests any longer for all of the parishes. A parish in San Bernardino has a "Parish Life Director"; A lay person that runs the parish. They have visiting priests on staff to say the mass. He is inviting parishes to reflect on their leadership, staff, and councils, to become informed about statistics and look at models used in other parishes. He will be evaluating our parish. The Future Full of Hope covers some of these items.
  - Cardinal Mahoney has called for a year of prayer for priestly vocations.
  - OLG is going through a Procedural Audit with the Archdiocese.
  - November 8 will be a presentation at the Wilshire Grand Hotel from 8:30 am – 2pm. Symposium on documents of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council. A Cardinal from the Vatican is the keynote speaker.
  - Bishop Jerry sent out a report –update on the Synod.
2. **Together in Mission:** The parish is still approximately \$11,000.00 short. Walt passed out a report. It was brought up that the parishioners really need to be educated on where the money goes and what happens if there is a short fall and how it comes out of OLG funds. Father Austin said that the Finance Council will be working on ideas.
3. It was decided that Dori would take over as the secretary and Liz would move to the Implementation Team.
3. **Individual Reports:**
  - **Hospitality:** Vickey said that the new Hospitality group would be called FACE. The group began over the summer with Jeff Pope in charge. Nametag Sunday; they gave out between 1200 &1300 nametags. They have been meeting regularly and are planning another Nametag Sunday in January at the end of Catholic Schools week. Also planning; a Valentine's day event, reception for the Confirmandi and for the Catechumens, outdoor mass for families, and a picnic. Also, pictures of the Pastoral Council will be taken at the next meeting.
  - **Evangelization:** John Lombardo has joined the group and they will be meeting again soon.

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- RE Adults: The IMPACT groups are meeting and their theme is “Hunger No More”. Coffee & Catechism meets while the RE kids are in class.
  - Charitable Outreach: Met with groups and discussed: volunteers, Social justice, Homeless and evangelization. They also talked about more food being needed. Not very much was being collected at the masses. We need to get the younger kids involved with the food collection. We also need another driver for the Feed the Homeless group. Vons may donate food. It needs to be picked up Sunday at 6AM. Barbara Kiklas, in charge of the program needs more support. Gonzalo thought that 5 years might be too long to wait for the implementation of some of the ideas in the Pastoral Plan. Vickey brought up that High Schools are not offering the youth Christian service hours for helping their parishes.
  - Publicity: Discussed a few ideas to get more publicity for the Council. Maybe switch announcements to an earlier portion of the mass.
  - RE Youth: The youth Impact and prayer will be meeting on 11/19/05 to watch a video.
  - Facilities: will be meeting.
4. **Pastoral Council Definition** : Possibly send out invitations to groups of the parish so that we might get more guests.
5. **Mass Celebration**: It was brought up that it might be nice to have the parts of the mass explained so that everyone knew what the meaning was for each part. The Council should go out and speak with people and bring back ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted;  
Liz Thorner  
Secretary