

Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

SUMMARY of the Pastoral Council Meeting

September 20, 2017

Present: Father John Cayer, Michele Taylor, Michael Williams, Jeanne O'Kon, Dasha Nixon, Theresa Medehue, Sheila Hopkins, Kyle Tamer, Mary Ballard, Brother Rahl Bunsu, Silvia Alderman, Chaney Coggins, Joy Smith, Missy Hollis, Paul Ebbers, Wayne Evans, Don Thomas, Christa Calamas.

CSU Report: Kyle Tamer reported that CSU Spirit Nights continued during the summer semester, and had a good turnout of at least 40 students. As freshman students came onto campus, the CSU leaders reached out to them and hosted events. Many of them are now attending Spirit Nights. CSU had "Seek" week, with sports on Landis Green and an event in Tully Gym. The fall semester Spirit Nights have a capacity attendance of over 200 students in the Parish Hall. CSU started a Men's House this year with eight young men living there, and they focus on their personal faith formation.

Parish and Family Life Needs: *50th Anniversary Events:* Father John reported on the 50th Anniversary events. There has been a great response for the dinner at the Alumni Center on Sept. 28th. About 180 people are registered. The Liturgical Celebration will take place with Bishop William Wack on Sunday, October 8 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, and the dedication of the church will be held. The parish picnic is also on October 8 from 12:45 to 4:30. Marisa Lewis distributed volunteer sign-up sheets for the Parish Picnic. Volunteers can also sign up on the parish web site.

Education and Faith Formation: *Trinity Catholic School:* Joy Smith continues to update the Parish Hall bulletin board with pictures and information about TCS. The students are now raising money for the Basilica School in Key West post-hurricane. On Oct. 13, they will hold a "Super Heroes" play at Blessed Sacrament. There will be make-up days for the missed school days during Hurricane Irma.

St. John Paul II CHS: Missy Hollis reported that Homecoming Weekend and Dance will be held on the last weekend in September. School representatives will also participate in Blessed Sacrament's Liturgical Fair. The students are reaching out to local school and parish families that were affected by the hurricane. The Saint John Paul II Feast Day is Oct. 22, and a celebration will be held. There will be a "Meet and Greet" with Bishop William Wack on Friday evening, Sept. 22.

Administration: Dasha announced that new stained glass above the main entrance to the church was installed in August. The image of Jesus was replaced with new glass and it is greatly improved. Dasha reported that the parish received a grant from the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Florida, which provided funds to stabilize the foundation of the rectory. The Annual Parish Financial Report will appear in the church bulletin in two weeks. "Ministry Day" will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for all liturgical ministers, and Bishop William Wack will lead the group in prayer. Father Dustin Feddon will deliver a homily to those present.

New Business: *Adult Education options:* "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" is a new 8-part series that could be offered for adults in the parish. Another option is the Dave Ramsey class on Finances, which a wide variety of parishioners previously attended. Father John would like to offer one or both of these for parishioners. He is also interested in getting information about other series that may be available.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on October 11 at 7:00 p.m.