

# Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

## Summary of the Pastoral Council Meeting

### February 21, 2018

**Members present:** Michele Taylor, Michael Williams, Jeanne O’Kon, Chaney Coggins, Brother Rahl Bunsu, Dasha Nixon, Theresa Medehue, Donald Thomas, Sheila Hopkins, Dasha Nixon, Kyle Tamer, Mary Ballard, Paul Ebbers.

**Absent:** Joy Smith, Silvia Alderman, Christa Calamas, Missy Hollis.

**CSU:** Kyle Tamer reported that 190 CSU members attended the recent Spring Retreat. A Senior Seminar will be held on March 4th, focused on how graduating seniors can go forth and live their faith as adult Catholics. Kyle thanked the Pastoral Council and parishioners for their generosity in supporting the students as they went on retreat.

**Parish and Family Life:** *Lenten Light Meals:* Michele Taylor reported that about 80 people attended the first Lenten Light Meal on February 16.

*Live the Life Ministries Marriage Program:* Mary Ballard inquired about whether or not the parish would be interested in the *Live the Life Ministries Marriage Program*. She looked at the six-week curriculum, which offers tools and communication strategies for married couples. The program was offered previously at Good Shepherd Parish, and Mary will speak to someone there to learn more.

**Education and Faith Formation:** *Trinity Catholic School:* Trinity student Christopher Hayes won the Regional Spelling Bee, and will represent Leon County at the Scripps National Bee. Theresa Malley and Grace Myatt won State Thespian drama awards. Julia Martin and Camryn Whitley were District Science Fair First Place winners.

*Father Murray Scholarship Report:* Pastoral Council members will review the nominations for the scholarship award. On Wednesday, March 7th, the finalists will be announced at Trinity Catholic. Bishop Wack will serve as the Keynote Speaker for the presentation of the Father Murray Scholarship award on **April 6th at 2:00 p.m.** in the Blessed Sacrament parish hall.

*St. John Paul II CHS:* The JP II Aerospace Team is participating in a competition, tour, and daily prayers at the Kennedy Space Center for five days. Missy Hollis is one of the parents traveling with the team.

**Administration:** *CSA Response:* Dasha Nixon stated that last year, the parish finished the CSA pledge period with 251 pledges. So far this year, the parish is halfway to the CSA goal amount.

*Tithing Weekend:* Weekly tithing has decreased currently. Everyone needs to be reminded about the importance of tithing. Father John pointed out that learning to live humbly and purposeful spending are natural consequences of tithing.

**Rector’s Comments:** The golf cart “limo” is now being used to transport parishioners from the remote gravel parking lot to the church for Sunday Masses. Drivers are needed for the golf cart from about 9:40 a.m. and after Mass as well.

The parish leadership team has a goal of increasing hospitality in the parish. The annual Ministry Day will include additional usher/hospitality training.

**Next meeting:** **March 21** at 7:00 p.m., and then **April 25** at 7:00 p.m.