

**Church of Saint Eulalia**  
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) - Minutes of Meeting  
January 15, 2014

**Present:** Father Jim Savage, Brian Burke, Louise Cocuzzo, Maria Constantino, Kathryn Davis, Anna Marie Ferraro (PFC Representative), Carol Johnson, Paul Kenrick, Frank Lombardo (St. Eulalia/St. Mary Collaborative Representative), Dolores Mullin, Moira Ounjian, Peter Pongratz, Frances Shawcross (St. Mary/St. Eulalia Collaborative Representative) Raina Trilokekar, Bob Valeri

**Absent:** Eva Arnott, Joe Murphy

**Scripture Reading:** The meeting opened with a scripture reading by Carol Johnson; a brief meditation followed.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were accepted as amended. The following corrections were to be made to the minutes:

- Page 3 under Elections—Bob Valeri’s name should be added to the names of those on the Election Committee.
- The spelling of Paul Kenrick’s last name should be corrected from the listing of those present and in the Evangelization Committee report. The correct spelling is Kenrick.
- The text addressing PPC discussion was adjusted to summarize the possible future activities.

### **Commission Reports**

**Finance Council.** The following report was presented by Anna Marie Ferraro. OSR pledges for the current year are 606, 10 fewer than at this same time last year. Dollars pledged are \$70,000 higher than last year at \$589,300. For the calendar year 2013, pledges paid represented 91.2% of pledges made. Total pledges for 2013 were 1109, for \$934,600; so, we have a long way to go for 2014. At the next month’s meeting, the PFC will be brainstorming ways to increase income.

Rewiring for heating/AC controls is almost complete.

The 2014 Catholic Appeal campaign will kick off the last weekend in February and the first weekend in March.

**Liturgy.** The parish experienced a very beautiful Advent and Christmas season. More greeters were recruited for the Christmas Masses and a welcoming spirit prevailed. The two videos on the meaning of Christmas shown at the 4 p.m. Christmas Mass were very well received.

Listed below are events to take place in the upcoming weeks:

- On January 19, 2014 there will be a collaborative-sponsored *Hour for Life* at St. Mary’s Winchester. The worship site for this event is alternated each year between St. Eulalia’s and St. Mary’s.
- There will be a new altar server class starting at the end of January. Students in Grade 4 and older as well as adults may participate.
- On February 28, 2014 there will be a Spaghetti Supper chaired by Lori Pescatore. This family event will take place just prior to the Lenten season.
- To celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, also known as Candlemas Day, there will be a procession at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 2, 2014 and the candles used for the year will be blessed.

## Sub Committee Reports

**Evangelization Committee.** The committee met in December and again last Thursday. The Evangelization Corner in the Sunday bulletin continues to be printed on the first Sunday of each month. There was positive feedback received from the Christmas publications with accolades given to Bobby Hillis for his column.

**St. Eulalia/St. Mary PPC Collaboration Committee.** This committee continues to meet. Phase 2 of the archdiocesan collaboration effort begins in June. Phase 2 of collaboration will begin in June 2014. It is expected that the full Archdiocese of Boston collaboration process will be completed in 2019. It is not known at this time when St. Eulalia and St. Mary will form their collaborative. As part of St. Mary's *Prayers of the Faithful*, they pray for us (St. Eulalia Parish) and a successful collaboration. Frank Lombardo suggested we do the same and remember St. Mary's parishioners. Father Jim requested a copy of the prayer be given to Louise Cocuzzo and that we add it to our *Prayers of the Faithful* periodically.

**Parish Life Enhancement Committee.** On Sunday February 9, the movie *Of Gods and Men* will be shown in Manion Hall. Refreshments will be served at 1:30 p.m. followed by the movie. This movie tells the true story of a small group of Trappist monks who offer medical assistance to poor Muslims in Algeria. Extremist guerrillas enter the area and threaten both the local Muslims and the monks.

**Communications Committee.** A notice has been placed in the bulletin soliciting new members.

## New Business

**Parish Pastoral Plan Activity.** It was decided that the letter drafted by Carol Johnson calling for volunteers would be distributed via the parish bulletin, Facebook and placed on our website. Carol Johnson will write a sentence under the heading PPP for Spiritual Development in the letter regarding focusing on spiritual development. The assistant vice chairperson will send the letter to the parish secretary with the understanding that the included requested response date be set to three weeks after it is placed in the bulletin. The assistant vice chairperson will take responsibility for receiving the e-mails generated by the letter and Raina Trilokekar will collect the phone responses and provide a listing of names and phone numbers. A group of individuals from the volunteers generated from this letter will be asked to participate in a team that will create the Parish Pastoral Plan. Another group will be established to coordinate the Parish's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations (coming in 2016).

**PPC Elections.** The following calendar for PPC elections was developed by the Election Committee:

- Nominations would take place the weekend of May 10 and 11.
- Nomination results would be made available by May 12.
- Biographical write-ups by the nominees will be due by May 16.
- Elections to be held the weekend of May 31/June 1

The above dates were voted on and approved by PPC.

**Parish Focus Theme.** The Executive Committee made a recommendation that the first focus theme be evangelization. This should be facilitated by having all parish ministries adopt this theme of evangelization and report to PPC on how they were carrying out this mission. The PPC would make itself available to offer assistance to ministries on how to incorporate evangelization into its mission. Another implementation suggestion was that a member of each ministry could attend an Evangelization Committee meeting for information and strategies. The names of ministry chairpersons to be invited are already on file; it was obtained at a previous Ministry Fair.

Father Jim thought the evangelization theme was too broad. The theme should be specific. All parishioners would need to embrace this theme. The theme of hospitality was suggested. Concrete strategies to carry out this theme need to be developed. One such strategy might be to recruit more greeters and give them direction and techniques on how to be welcoming. Another suggestion was for coffee hours after Mass.

A vote was taken by the PPC to accept hospitality as its theme for this year. PPC members were asked to come to the February meeting with a list of strategies that would promote the theme of hospitality. PPC members were also asked to review the ministry worksheet and add to it. Any additions should be e-mailed to the assistant vice chairperson by the end of January.

Also suggested was that a separate PPC committee be formed to establish a theme for next year.

### **Reminder Dates.**

Sunday, January 19—Holy Hour for Life at St. Mary's Winchester

Sunday, February 2—Candlemas Day with procession and blessing of candles at the 11 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 5—PPC Executive Committee meets

Wednesday, February 12—PPC meets

Sunday, February 9—Movie, *Of Gods and Men*, to be shown in Manion Hall at 2 p.m. Refreshments at 1:30 p.m.

Friday, February 28—Spaghetti Supper in Manion Hall

March 24, 25, 26—Lenten Mission to be given by Daniel Horan the author of *Dating God*

A suggestion was made that there be a reception after the last night of the mission.

### **Parishioners' Comments and Concerns**

- A request was made that the heat be better regulated; it was too hot.  
Response: The heating is still being addressed and should be working better soon.
- A parishioner was concerned about the negative way parishioners were portrayed in one of the columns in the bulletin just before Christmas.
- A request was made for a daily evening Mass during Lent.  
Response: There will be a list of surrounding parishes that offer an evening Mass during Lent listed in the bulletin.
- It was asked that a crucifix be added to the altar or an area surrounding the altar in addition to the iconic cross.  
Response: If a donor would come forward or a person willing to raise the funds, then perhaps a cross could be attached to the Risen Christ already present behind the altar.
- There is a concern that many times the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion run out of hosts and people are left standing. There was an issue with the choir not all receiving Communion on a particular Sunday.

### **Further Announcements.**

- A new topic for discussion will be to discuss whether to have a gospel reading or say a prayer to open the PPC meetings.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be on October 16, 2016 at the 11 a.m. Mass. A committee will be formed and the date will be put in the call for volunteer planning letter.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Connell  
PPC Secretary