

Notes to Dan McKeivitt

Service Commission

October 17, 2006

## **PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY**

Doug Kasper in conjunction with Denise Kollias has begun working on the Peace Pole

(I think that it should be a Peace Irishman)

The Peace and Justice Ministry is formulating their action plan for the Parish Goals.

## **BURNED CHURCHES & PASGAGOULA**

Andy Lareau: to Josie Lunsford

re: Sr. Bernadette, St. Peter's Youth Mission & Burned Church Ministry

I received this email (bleow) from you but didn't get the one regarding the meeting for the Pascagoula mission with Fr. McMahon's letter (I did read it in the bulletin though). It does look like they will be rebuilding after all since the opportunity for the relocation to the St. Joseph site has gone away. Once Fr. Norvel is established in DC I may have an opportunity to visit him as I travel there often on business and my son will be relocating there in December. When is the 1st meeting?

By the way, please pass along that Sr. Bernadette called me. She's been relocated after the St. Peter's school shut down to a parish school in Natchez, MS. She will be coming to Chicago area Nov 11-13 and would like to stop by St. Isidore to say thanks to everyone. She said she'd call with more details as the date gets closer.

As I mentioned yesterday in church, I will not be able to go on the youth mission this year as my daughter will be getting married in the Spring. I will try to make the meetings and help coordinate but my time will be limited

Finally, Bill Macholl has agreed to be the Burned Church representative for the Service Commission again this year. Doug Kasper is presently planning the next mission for mid-November to return to Bragg Hill AME in Alabama and finish the bricking job at that church. He needs help so maybe the first order of business is an announcement of the trip to see if there are volunteers available. Also, the

date for the annual meeting for the National Coalition for Burned Churches has been set for December 8-9th (Friday evening and all day Saturday) near Tuscaloosa AL (see attached). It will be held at the First Dancy Baptist Church in Aliceville AL, which is one of the churches burned in last year's spree by the three college students. I'm planning on attending again this year. I serve as co-chairman of the rebuilding committee. We will be given a list of possible rebuilding sites for 2007 at that meeting so we can start the planning process.

## **PADS**

In an update to PADS, all is well! The 1st night that Isidore's will host is this Monday. The food and volunteers are all scheduled, so no worries. Everybody has been registering on-line as requested. The girl scouts will be on set up this week.

Felicia

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Pancake breakfast was served on Sunday October 15.

## **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

John Konchel held a volunteer sign up last Weekend.

Also for next year....(see below)

If anyone has a person in mind that could organize the Thanksgiving Drive in 2007. Please let me know. We are looking for someone or a couple now so they can train with John this year, to be prepared for next years drive.

Josie Sizemore

## **????????? MISC.**

Andrea Gallo and I (JOSIE) are planning a Mission Trip for March 24-31 back down to Pascagoula. If anyone and/or your ministry is interested in helping out or can provide leadership, please let me know. There will be a Informational Meeting on Monday, November 6 at 7:00pm in the Parish Office Lower Level.

This will all be announced in the 10/22 bulletin

Josie Sizemore

## **CROPWALK**

Crop walk went well. We did not have many walkers but we did raise more money this year than last year. We just mailed in the first envelope to CWS for \$9400.00. Josie, could you please put in a thank you into the bulletin for all the walkers that participated. And, I do not know if this is appropriate, but we would like to give special thanks to Michele Miller who raised over \$2400.00 by herself. Her husband mentioned that she has raised over \$20,000.00 over the last 9 years for Crop Walk. The final tally should be over \$10,000.00 dollars with approx. \$2500.00 going to our food pantries.

Ed Enciso

## **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING**

From Barb Mendralla [babsandtom@comcast.net](mailto:babsandtom@comcast.net)

It looks like the Transitional Housing ministry at St. Isidore is going to be sponsoring another family starting in November This is a need for some furnishings for the apartment. It looks like bedrooms are taken care of, but some living room furniture is needed - couches, tables, t.v.s, etc.

Please let me know if you have anything you can donate to the cause and put the word out to others so that we can help a family in need make a new home.  
Barb

## **MISC:**

Dan,  
Josie sent this out after the last Service Commission Meeting.

I guess we are going with the workable option

## **SERVICE COMMISSION STRUCTURE**

- One of the primary purposes of the commission/parish council structure of our parish is to facilitate TWO WAY communication between parishioners, service ministries, the commission, and the parish council.
- Another purpose is to assure, as a leadership body, that the parish is fulfilling its call and mission of Christian service and justice through coordination of service projects that would have parish-wide implications.

- There needs to be a minimal number of meetings for this to happen effectively. However, much can happen via technologies such as email, instant messaging, websites, that saves everyone a lot of time and energy.
- The make-up of the commission will depend in large part on which ministries are the most active at any given time in our life as a parish.
- There are around 25 ministries that fall into the category of Christian Service. They include both Outreach (charitable or direct service) ministries and Advocacy (ministry that seeks systemic change at many levels).
- To build (or rebuild) the commission, there are options at both ends of the involvement spectrum (and many option in between):

Option A: Each of the 25 ministries sends a representative to the Commission. Adding a chairperson and two staff resource people, this Commission would have 28 members. Not realistic.

Option Z: Each AREA OF MINISTRY, such as Shelter (Transitional Housing, PADS), Hunger (food collections, NW DuPage Walk-in Min), Special Needs (Burned Church, Operation Hope, Holiday outreach), Service Organizations (CCW, K of C, Scouts), Advocacy (Respect Life, Peace and Justice Committee) has one liaison that would be the vehicle of communication between ministries and the commission. This would be a commission of 8 people. This was attempted several years ago, but it is difficult to impossible to find the right person to fulfill the liaison's responsibilities. Most parishioners who have the interest are involved in the ministry itself and their time is dedicated to that service.

- A look at current service ministry activity, along with the discussion from our September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, leads us to this recommendation from the middle of the A-Z spectrum:

Workable Option:

1. Chairperson
  2. Outreach Ministry Coordinator
  3. Social Action Ministry Coordinator
- One rep each from:
4. Direct Services (NWDWIM, food collections, CropWalk,)
  5. PADS
  6. CCW
  7. Knights of Columbus
  8. Respect Life
  9. Peace & Justice Committee

10. One or two members-at-large that could eventually serve as chair and co-chair. Any ministries that serve seasonally or sporadically (holiday outreach, Burn Church, Operation Hope) would be represented by the staff members on the commission.