

## **Worship Commission Meeting Minutes December 5, 2006**

**In Attendance:** Deacon Terry, Tom, John, Dorothy, Joan, Trini, Louise

**Opening Prayer and Reflection:** for Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord, by Deacon Terry. He highly recommended seeing the movie "The Nativity Story".

**Minutes:** We went over the November minutes and accepted them.

**Pastoral Parish Council:** John was not able to attend the last meeting, but did explain that the main objective is to finalize the goals for the Parish for the Long Term Strategic Goals.

### **Old Business:**

**Advent** - It was agreed the Advent wreath is fine where it is; there have been no complaints. - Trini said they will not need to move if for the Simbang Gabi celebration. - Louise explained the purpose of the music in the Advent music supplement and the idea of being able to use the same supplement for several years. - Terry explained the Order of the Mass as it is written each week and writing the Prayers of the Faithful as they reflect on the readings of each week of Advent. Phrases repeated for effect.

**Thanksgiving Mass** – went well. Meditation/Song of Thanksgiving was well received as a congregational piece. Everyone seemed to sing fairly easily.

**Tri-folds** – Dorothy wrote up an idea for Art & Environment. - Terry has jotted down concepts for each of the commission's ministries. We decided we would wait until after the first of the year to discuss how to write up the tri-folds that will explain and invite new members to the various ministries.

**Web Site** – It was recommended the website advertise Holy Day Mass schedules. - Joan sent those suggestions to Ane, as well as suggestions for "drop boxes" to come down from pictures at the top of the web page. Joan also suggested not to go to the registration page as it is not user friendly. Several other members agreed. (The Sign-Up owners are having difficulties converting to their software upgrade).

### **New Business:**

**Baptism Prep & Marriage Prep** – There is a need to find out what updates the Church (our Ordained staff) wants to do. - Terry would like to invite a "couple" representative, or the whole group, from each of the two ministries to come to a WC meeting to inform us of what their ministry involves and to meet the commission members. - We will defer to February for this, as we will be discussing Lent during the January meeting.

**Seasonal celebrations** – The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Friday, December 8; Our Lady of Guadalupe is on Monday, December 11. Dorothy made a plea for a good clean-up job afterward; Simbang Gabi is Friday, December 15, the flyer that was prepared never got into the bulletin. No one seems to know why, it should be in there this weekend (12/9-10) Trini asked permission to light the Christmas tree in church for this celebration and to decorate it with stars. Father Tony will need to approve;

**Harvester** – will be in the bulletin this weekend (12/9-10). There are normally 2500 bulletins printed each week, there will be 2600 Harvesters printed. Chuck Legoretta prints the Harvester for us and gave the parish a discount. However, he has sold his part of the business. There was some discussion about consolidating it into the bulletin.

**Advent Reconciliation** - services will be on December 18 (English) and 19 (Spanish). There will be no general absolution this year (actually it is not allowed). There will be 14 priests to serve. First Reconciliation was on Saturday, December 2. It was one of the best we've had. All priests showed up – they loved lunch and they love the kids.

**Ministry Sharing** – Terry wants to spend some time occasionally going around the table to talk about our individual ministries. He asked us to share what some of our “recruiting” ideas are:

**LOWC** (Terry spoke for Ken) – articles were printed in the Harvester. Two people called in from that article to volunteer.

**Altar Servers** (John) – goes to 5<sup>th</sup> grade RE classes to recruit. 4 servers are scheduled for each Mass, but there is a need to get kids on the schedule immediately after their training. There are also several adults who are interested in becoming servers. Parents must sign a “commitment” sheet, but it is often hard to get them to follow through on that commitment. - Joan suggested maybe the parents stay during the training, so it helps them realize the importance of this ministry. - Louise suggested having older “mentor” servers paired up at Mass with a newly trained server. Perhaps the mentor server would compel the parents to get them to Mass if they knew a new server was counting on them to be there with them. She also suggested that adult servers could serve weekday Masses and some Holy Day Masses.

**Music** (Louise) – recruitment is done by advertising in the bulletin in August as well as from the pulpit during announcements, and by music ministers “listening” and inviting someone they hear singing during Mass in the summer months. There is a Music Ministry Gathering Nite in early September inviting anyone who is interested in joining to come for a prayer service and experience our music ministry family. They are then invited to rehearsal the following week and to join.

**Eucharistic Ministers** (Tom) – recruitment is done yearly; concern was expressed once again about the lack of finding substitutes if someone can't attend when scheduled, especially at the 10:00 Mass. - Joan suggested there needed to be better communication and recommended it could be done by “email groups”.

**Liturgy planning** – no longer exists as a viable group at this time.

**Art & Environment** (Dorothy) – sign up is yearly, but the information comes to her late often times. Those who are involved are creative and dedicated. There is not a lot of turnover and there are some who only help for Christmas and Easter. **Another plea was made for a thorough church cleaning.**

**Funeral Coordinator** (Joan) – Jim Leix organizes 6 regular members. The question was asked if they **would be joining the new Bereavement ministry.** It should also incorporate the grief support group.

**Mass Coordinators** (Trini) – One is scheduled for each Mass. New directives are good. Several youth have joined recently, which is wonderful.

**The meeting was extended to further discuss the Strategic Goals.** Ideas were sent in by Dorothy and Karen, Tom and Joan, and Terry had provided us with many ways and ideas at last month's meeting. – John and Terry both talked about space availability, school needs, sporting events and youth space that is needed if we are to accomplish the goals as put forward by the Council. Also, make ministers (volunteers) and the ministries welcomed and appreciated, by providing space that is well maintained and adequate for the need or activity. Communicate better with ministers, especially when there are changes in procedures etc. Be timely and know the changes in groups.

- Terry and Tom asked that any additional suggestions be submitted to Tom by December 8, as the final submission date was December 19. All ideas were to be submitted to Kim Ramsey. - Tom would compile a list of all ideas and submit them to Kim. **Did you remember?**

The meeting adjourned with a quick prayer at 10:20 p.m.

Have a safe and most blessed Christmas Season. Joy to the World!

Respectfully submitted by Louise Kinsella