

St. Dominic and Assumption Parish Pastoral Council
October 14, 2015

Present: Fr. Jacob Alvarez, Louise Shipman, Joan Nuttall, Jason Bayer, Erica Ellenwood, Casey Penner, Mary Anne Penner, Sarah Bergeron
Absent: J.M Michaud, Angie Sequin, Glenn Nowosad
Guest: Lana Lambert

Lana Lambert – “The Why Project” – A Why Encounter – raise money to provide these books for everyone in the community. “The book Why am I on this Earth?” Fr. Jacob asked Lana if she would come and speak to the parish following Mass. She indicated that she would. An anonymous donor has paid for the cost of the books. A revival group is also willing to come when the project is launched.

Minutes: Joan Nuttall moved approval of the minutes of September 8, 2015.
Seconded by Jason Bayer. Carried.

Faith Formation: Discussion on the Introduction to Laudato Si took place. For next meeting read paragraphs 17 – 26. Father suggested that an article be written on our discussion for the newspaper.

The questions for Paragraphs 17 – 26 are as follows:

- 1) What is your view of the argument going on in Western society today about climate change? If fossils fuels are largely to blame for climate change, what can you personally do to help?
- 2) What is your response to articles 25-26? Are you poor or are you in the group with power and money?

Additions to the Agenda: Communion
Adoration
Bannister

Reports - Mary Anne -Sacramental Preparation 18 children are preparing for Reconciliation. No candidates have come forward for RCIA so we are looking at doing some adult education.

- Joan -Hospitality Erica is helping Joan with this. Joan is drawing up a schedule for hospitality.
- Louise -St. Dominic School will have their first Mass on October 15, 2015 for Thanksgiving.
- Sarah -Holy Cross – has had their Thanksgiving Mass. Catholic Education Mass on November 8th at Assumption, Remembrance Day celebration
- Jason -Assumption – Two Masses for Thanksgiving have been held. YLL training on October 19, 2015. Two trips to the Bissell Centre to serve lunch. Early November is the Temple tour – Mosque, Buddhist Temple, Sacred Heart Church, and a Synagogue.

- Casey -Social Justice Meeting – The booklet “Communities of Salt and Light” is being read. Food Hampers are up considerably at the Food Bank – 20 -40 per week. CLFN is thinking of starting their own food bank. The food bank is accepting fresh produce. Joan will see whether there is some way in which the committee can help the families involved in the fire last week.
- Fr. Jacob – had a beautiful retreat; and enjoyed meeting the priest of the dioceses. Bishop Haegemon gave the retreat.
 - o Finance Committee meeting – Assumption church will be painted inside.
 - o Father met the K of C and the CWL at their last meetings

Old Business:

- a) Welcome Fr. Jacob Completed
- b) Date of Meetings – Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month
- c) Who do we ask to join PPC – members of the parish for 6 months, good Catholics
- d) Ministry sign-up – has started
- e) Meeting Rooms Names: Suggestions
 - a. St. Vincent du Paul and St. Anthony Pucci – Saints in our altar
 - b. St. Dominic and Assumption
- f) Courtesy Letter of Resignation – Linda Stupka did hand in her letter of resignation from PPC as she is also retiring from working with Lakeland School District

New Business

- a) Welcome to new members – Erica Ellenwood and Glen Nowosad will be welcomed at the next meeting.
- b) Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations – were handed out; these recommendations are to be read for next meeting.
- c) Choosing a new Chair – tabled to next meeting.
- d) Ministry Sign-up – has been extended to October 24/25, 2015 as the numbers for those signing up for ministry are low.
- e) Year of Mercy (Dec 2015 – Dec 2016) – The diocese is looking at opening the doors of some of the churches in the dioceses during the day. November 2, 2015, the Bishop is suggesting that a Mass be said in the cemeteries, if the weather is good. If the weather is not conducive to a Mass then a prayer service will take at the cemetery and /or a Mass in the church. If there are other suggestions for celebrating this Year of Mercy please let us know.
- f) Assumption Church 60th Anniversary in 2017 – This needs to go into the bulletin requesting members for a planning committee formed by the members of Assumption Church.
- g) Catholicism Series by Bishop Robert Barron – This 11 week series will be offered this fall.
- h) Communion – What can be done to eliminate congestion in the side aisles at Assumption Church during Communion? One suggestion is that the Ministers

could move over to the side aisle to give communion to those in the side pews after those in the middle rows have been served.

Following the accident at St. Dominic on Sunday, Father is suggesting that perhaps the Ministers could line up at the bottom of the steps.

Joan suggested maybe a bannister would be a good idea for the sanctuary at St. Dominic following the accident on Thanksgiving Sunday. Would a bannister help the other ministers as well?

These options discussed at the Liturgy meeting October 28, 2015.

- i) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – a celebration next to the Eucharist. Think about having adoration once a month to start for an hour. It could be on Tuesday evenings following Mass and then twice a week and then down to once a week. This will start in January.
- j) Book – Why am I on this Earth? We will look at this project for the spring when the weather is nicer? Lana will be asked to speak following Mass in 2016. A note will be sent to Lana indicating our decision.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.