

San Clemente Pastoral Council Meeting 15 March 2008

March meeting called to order with prayer at about 9 a.m.

In attendance were Fr. Douglas Mitchell, Secretary Melissa Sais, Jim Armer, Priscilla Armer, Theresa Baca, Walter Baca, Ralph Chavez, Emil Kiehne, Mary McClosky, Linda Mucher, Ron Mucher, Dorothy Platte, Chuck Rumschlag, Jerry Sais, Joaquin Sisneros, Rachel Sisneros and Eric Zamora. Those absent were John Bieri (n), Rita Bieri (n), Bernie Bockisch, Brian Byrne (n), Jennifer Byrne (n), Miguel Campos, Donna Hickman (n), Annette Perales (n), Ronnie Sinclair (n), Matthew Torres (n), Gloria Trujillo (n), Rita Vessey (n), and Tom Vessey (n). [n=notified council of planned absence.]

Melissa Sais reported that the Catholic Schools Booster Club has a core of about six parents interested in building that committee. The Catholic Schools Information Fair held on March 1 and 2 included St. Mary's Belen, Queen of Heaven and Holy Ghost schools. Fr. Doug said that a regular fair should be included in the Education Subcommittee's goals. Rachel Sisneros asked if Catholic Home Schooling could be included in the Fair. It was agreed that it would be a natural place for it.

Melissa also reported that to have San Clemente listed in the Valencia County News Bulletin churches page would cost \$235.20 a year. Fr. Doug asked that the information and the page from the News Bulletin be brought to him so he could direct Deacon Bob to get the listing in. Beverly Israel, parish staff representative, said she would bring him the page.

Education Subcommittee

Ralph Chavez reported that the committee sees parish involvement as the biggest need in this area. There are a lot of education opportunities in place, people only need to take advantage of them. Facilities are also an issue for this area. Fr. Doug added that there would need to be a focus in the building plans on issues raised by the education committee.

Walter Baca reported that he had been told that Los Lunas schools had plans to phase out RGI school within the next few years. Fr. Doug asked Walter and Jerry Sais to follow up on that information as the church would be very interested in the property for facilities or for another cemetery.

Fr. Doug also reported that the parish's Young Adult Committee would like to hold a dance, talks that could bring singles together, and other adult education opportunities, which would fall under the Education portion of the parish plan.

Stewardship and Administration Subcommittee

Jim Armer reported that the staff is doing a good job of meeting many of the goals laid out by the Archdiocesan plan. The parish needs to step up in the area of sharing our gifts. Fr. Doug noted that the parish needs a Stewardship Standing Committee to work to draw people into full stewardship, give time, talent and treasure. This committee could plan the yearly stewardship campaign, the yearly ACA campaign and the building campaign. This committee also could help with recruitment of liturgists, Eucharistic Ministers and choir members, all of which are currently lacking in the parish.

Vocations Subcommittee

Rita Bieri sent Fr. Doug a report from the committee. One of the ideas to promote vocation awareness is a Vocations Challis that would travel week to week to different homes. Each family would pray for vocations during their time hosting the challis. The challis would be exchanged during Sunday mass. Also suggested advertising the parish library as a resource for those seeking information on the priesthood or avowed religious life. Emphasize the message of the Holy Father on the 45th day of prayer for vocations April 13, 2008 and distribute his message. Also sponsor a dynamic speaker to speak to confirmation classes and require attendance by students and parents.

Consultation and Governance Subcommittee

Eric Zamora reported in response to the Archdiocesan plan (Goal 1.8) the pastoral council should begin meeting with other parish councils to exchange ideas. Fr. Doug suggested the possibility of a council retreat once a year. Eric has a call in to Marie Clevenger of UNM for information on leadership development training for the parish leadership (Goal 2.5). Fr. Doug explained that Goal 4.6 does not apply to San Clemente as we are led by a parish priest rather than a Parish Life Coordinator.

Ecumenism Subcommittee

Emil Kiehne reported that much of the Archdiocesan plan in this area revolves around a week in January denoted as the Octave on Christian Unity. Emil reported that outside of that week there may be room for cooperation on other things we agree upon as Christians including the fight against abortion. Fr. Doug suggested possibility for next Lent of developing an outreach involving right to life issues. Through council discussion an idea grew of holding a meeting of the leaders of Christian churches addressing how to respond to the anti-Christian agenda we are all facing. It would involve identifying common

legal ground and protecting our rights as Christians.

All subcommittees are to email their pastoral plan input to Melissa so that a document can be drafted for review at the April meeting.

Next month council will meet in the Gathering Room.

Meeting adjourned after prayer at 10:50 a.m.

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