

Apple Valley Catholic Community
Minutes – Collaborative Pastoral Council
Thursday, 10/29/2015 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth

Present: Fr. Walter Woods, Fr. Paul Sughrue, Deacon Charlie Cornell, Janet Moroney, Paul McMahon, Steve Ryan, Diahne Goodwin, Joan Grund, Amy Alexander

1. Opening prayer and welcome

2. Approval of Minutes from 9/24/2015 meeting

3. Comments on Pope Francis's exhortation, the Joy of the Gospel, #40-45

4. Pastor's comments

- This year (2015-2016) is an extremely demanding year
- Not only is the work different but we are now sharing staff with a lot going on.

Discussion:

-The most recent GIFT had large crowds. The presentations were well thought out. The videos for the younger group were excellent. On Sunday the high school group broke into small discussion groups.

-Concern was raised for a noted decrease in the amount of families with children attending the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore. Increase in hospitality and volunteering were discussed. Fr. Walter pointed out that all these concerns are under the pastoral plan with promoting evangelization. It was noted that there is a deep concern with the fall off in the Mass participation at both parishes.

5. Update on pastoral plan writing

- Purpose-what are we here for-sharing the Gospel
- Values-what we really are-community/hospitality/stewardship
- Vision-where we want to be in 3 years
- Priorities-what are our priorities:
 - Faith formation
 - Evangelization
 - Quality celebration
 - Participation in the Eucharist
 - Vocations
- Smart Goals-Action plans for the priorities-such as dates

Discussion:

Diahne-work by the committee continues. They are working on the above items with their deadline close at hand.

6. Replenishing membership

- We discussed the need for 1-2 more members. Fr. Walter encouraged the committee to recommend someone who he thought would be interested in serving on the CPC.

7. Other Matters

- There were no other matters discussed

8. Conclusion

- Next meeting December 10, 2015 7:30 p.m. at St Isidore
- Joan Grund-Prayer leader for next meeting
- JoAnn Witek-Note taker for next meeting