

**Apple Valley Catholic Community**  
**Minutes – Collaborative Pastoral Council**  
**Thursday, 12/10/2015 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Isidore**

Present: Dan Armstrong, Deacon Charlie Cornell, Diahne Goodwin, Joan Grund, Jan Ketonen, Janet Moroney, Steve Ryan, Fr. Paul Sughrue, JoAnn Witek, Fr. Walter Woods

1. Opening prayer (Diahne Goodwin) and welcome
2. Approval of Minutes from 10/29/2015 meeting; scribe for this meeting (Jan Ketonen); prayer leader for next one (Joan Grund)
3. Comments on The Joy of the Gospel, §§ 46-49.
4. Pastor's comments
  - Copies of the book Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly were distributed; parishioners will receive this book following Christmas Masses.
  - Some trends for pastoral reflection; a 5-page analysis of statistical trends compiled by Fr. Walter was distributed and reviewed
5. Parish Status Reports (both parishes)
  - Given the steady downward trends in parishioner engagement (worship, ministry, financial support) Fr. Walter noted the need to report the status of both parishes to parishioners at some point. If the declining rates of participation is not reversed, the future of each parish could be in jeopardy. This issue is especially urgent at St. Isidore Parish.
  - Fr. Walter asked for the council's recommendations (bring to the January Meeting) on:
    - How best to present the information (how and when)
    - What suggestions could be made as to how to reverse the trend.
6. Pastoral issues in the development of our collaborative
  - The staff is seriously strained in trying to implement the collaborative while continuing all ongoing activities at the same high level of quality.
  - This is a year of transition; it is unclear whether all can continue as is until June.
  - At some point things will need to be done differently.
7. Mid-year look at the Mass schedule at St. Isidore. Looking for comments and feedback.
  - The monthly 5 p.m. Sunday Mass - attendance is lower than anticipated
    - The impact on ministries was noted
    - Is this Mass fulfilling its intended purpose?
  - Should changes be made?
8. Pastoral Plan Update
  - A Draft will be ready for circulation in both parishes early in the new year.

- Financials still need to be added before submission to the Archdiocese.

#### 8. Conclusion

- Next Meeting: Thursday, January 13, 2016 at 7:30 at St. Elizabeth of Hungary.