

WISCONSIN RAPIDS DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of
Thursday – January 21, 2016



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1. Bob introduced Brenda Walczak as the parish rep from Our Lady Queen of Heaven. Father Altman and Pat Dederich were not able to attend... Pam Christensen, new rep from Sacred Heart, was not in attendance.
2. Joyce Lobner read the opening prayer.
3. Secretary's report was approved with no corrections or additions. Brenda Walczak has volunteered to assume the secretary's position.
4. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$5,509.38.
5. Reports:
 - **Family Life Committee** – will hold their 8th annual Marriage Enrichment Evening on Saturday, February 27 at Mead Inn. Flyers have been sent to every parish, Assumption families received the flyer, and it is on the Deanery website. This is not a fund raiser. Bob thanked Carol and Jerry Lipski for their contributions to the Deanery. They are resigning after tonight's meeting. Pam Christensen will be their replacement
 - **Deanery Social Justice** – The two fall lectures on homelessness in Wisconsin Rapids were well received. The topic for next fall's series has not been determined. It will focus on some aspect of Mercy as are the other projects.

The Advent collection was very successful. Kits were made from the items collected. These kits were distributed to homeless people who were placed in motels for short term stays.

The Infant Needs Lenten collection will be from February 10 through March 20. Collected items will be given to First Choice Pregnancy Center and Hope's Door. The committee has distributed an infant's needs flyer to area parishes for inclusion with their bulletins. It lists suggested items to be purchased. Baby formula is not on the list, but, if formula is donated, it will be given to the proper organizations. Of course, with so many types of formula available, it may not be a practical item to consider.

Jim Hass has asked Bishop Callahan to research the process for accepting refugees. The situation has been brought before the USCCB who are baffled on the moratorium on new refugees and how to move forward.

Deanery Social Justice Committee will next meet on Tuesday, April 5.

- **Hospital and Nursing Home Ministry** – The hospital ministry rep from Port Edwards quit, but a replacement was immediately named. A person from St. Lawrence is compiling the names of each parish's residents of nursing and/or assisted living homes. Since Joyce has not received a copy, she is assuming the list is not complete.

Grief Support meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in Room 105 at St. Vincent de Paul. The group members also meet the third Monday of every month at 11 a.m. for lunch at Perkins Restaurant.

- **Diocesan Pastoral Council** – Bob read from Jim Hass's report on the December 5, 2015 Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting. Sister Catherine was complemented on her fine singing voice. Lorraine Ridl spoke on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. There was a lengthy discussion about converting St. Anne's Parish in Brooks from a traditional parish to oratory status. The upcoming diocesan sesquicentennial in 2 years was discussed. LaCrosse was created at the same time that Green Bay was split off from the Milwaukee Diocese. Green Bay is also planning some special activities. Topics from the USCCB and WCC meetings were discussed. Bishop Callahan is concerned and interested in the topic of people moving between parishes as pastors are re-assigned. Meetings in 2016 are scheduled for April 2, August 6 and December 17.

Old Business:

Representative from all parishes – Bob is working on getting a rep from Saints Peter and Paul.

Comments on Alice Heinzen Lecture – Alice is always an interesting speaker. Unfortunately, it was poorly attended.

New Business

• **Year of Mercy Resources** –

Bob made available useful Information regarding the Implementation of Pope Francis' schedule for the year, Jubilee of Mercy.

Should the Deanery consider praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy every month or so?
On Tuesday evenings, Chuck O'Connor leads the chaplet of Mercy at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

At Our Lady Queen of Heaven someone printed on wood the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. This has been displayed in a prominent place at the church. Each Deanery has a parish designated as the Door of Mercy. Except for one Deanery, Sacred Heart Parish is so named. The one exception is the Deanery without a Sacred Heart Parish. Their Door of Mercy is Holy Rosary. A couple of parishes in our Deanery have Door of Mercy on their confessional door. A person can receive an indulgence after entering a Door of Mercy and then going to Confession. There has not been a designated time between these events to receive the indulgence. The time frame, surely, is short.

The Deanery may consider a pilgrimage during the Year of Mercy, beginning at a parish in Wisconsin Rapids, ending at Sacred Heart in Nekoosa. A pilgrimage consists of a destination, confession, and reception of the Eucharist. When on a pilgrimage, you should look deep into yourself to have an idea of what you want to change. A volunteer project (work of mercy) should be incorporated into the pilgrimage. **A suggested plan was to begin at St. Lawrence and stop at Food Pantry as the work of mercy.**

Deacon Mark said that a 24 hour reconciliation at Sacred Heart was brought up at the priests' meeting.

- A. **2016 Events in our Deanery** Bob will talk to someone at SS Peter and Paul to determine if the parishes are still supposed to email their activities for inclusion in a Deanery calendar. Since parish secretaries are extremely busy, should each parish designate a parishioner to submit parish activities for the calendar? There is always the Deanery website's calendar where events can be submitted to rapidsdeanery@gmail.com. Will Tom Enwright, Deanery webmaster, be willing to be a clearing house for events to avoid conflicts? Bob will ask for an invitation to attend the priests' meeting, to talk about this subject **and the subject of the pilgrimage inviting all deanery parishioners.**

Deacon Mark led us in the closing prayer.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 16, at 6 p.m. at Assumption School Library

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Ziebell, Acting Secretary

Post meeting Note: Bob's current thinking is to use the Deanery Website calendar rather than a spreadsheet (or whatever) at SSPP. He would write a procedure and work with parish staffs to implement the process.