

Parish Council Agenda

November 10, 2003

7:30 in the Old Prayer Room

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| I. Opening Prayer | Evangeline Brown |
| II. Approval of Minutes | Minutes for the October, 2003 Meeting. |
| III. <u>Suggestions for Pastoral Councils</u> | Chapter Three:
Reading: Stephen Howe
(Remember to bring your copy of <u>Suggestions</u>) |
| IV. AGENDA | |
| A. Pastor's Report | Pastor |
| B. Christian Enrichment Ministries Report (see attachment #1). | Norah Hippolyte |
| C. Pastoral Assistant Report (see attachment #2). | Norah Hippolyte |
| D. School report (see attachment #3) | Sonya Simril |
| E. Old Business | |
| 1. Analysis of parish demographics | Evangeline Brown
Stanton Jones |
| F. New Business | |
| V. Closing Prayer | Bernadette Lufrano |
| VI. Hospitality | Joe Loduca |

Attachments: October 13, 2003 Parish Council Meeting Minutes.

1. Christian Enrichment Ministries Report.
2. Pastoral Assistant Report.
3. School Report.

ATTACHMENT #1

Date: November 2003
To: Parish Pastoral Council
From: Norah Hippolyte
Re: Christian Enrichment Ministries

RCIA/RCIC

These programs include inquirers of many age levels. We have children who are school age. These children usually begin as a preparation for first Eucharist. If lucky, we get to families when their children are in first grade and get them started. Ideally, participants should take part in the program for two years. Older children who may or may not have received first Eucharist will prepare for Confirmation. Again I am working with a two year model for preparation. The adults currently progress through the process in a year or so however they are encouraged to remain in the process until they themselves and the team members feel they are ready to move forward.

The end on November brings the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming to the RCIA/RCIC process. This is the inquirers first opportunity to say yes to the Church and to God.

CLW

Attendance remains high at Children's Liturgy of the Word. Approximately 15 to 20 children attend each week. Children ages 4 to 12 are encouraged to participate in CLW.

Christian Enrichment

The numbers are up this year for the Christian Enrichment program. We have about 19 students enrolled in various sessions.

Infant Baptism Preparation

The preparation program provides the Church with an opportunity to remind parents about their role as Catholic parents. It provides time to clarify mistaken ideas about baptism and time to consider the family's commitment to each other. Meetings are scheduled as needed.

First Reconciliation

There is one student so far, for the first reconciliation this year.

If you have questions, please feel most welcome to ask. I am available at the rectory on Wednesdays from 8:30A -5:00P, 7:30P-10:00P and Saturdays from 2:00P-4:30P. Or you can email me at NHipp0@aol.com (that's a zero).

ATTACHMENT #2

Date: November 2003

To: Parish Pastoral Council

From: Norah Hippolyte

Re: Pastoral Assistant Report

Social Events

The next event on the calendar is the Holy Family Celebration on Sunday, December 28. What kind of an event should this be? Any suggestions for parishioners to be on the planning committee?

Social Justice Events

An issue which we may begin to hear more about is the "Life on the Ballot" initiative. Currently, the focus is gathering the necessary signatures to get the proposal on the ballot. The focus of the initiative is to make sure parents are notified about their minor children requesting abortions. If the diocese has any involvement, it be through the Family Life Office.

Stewardship

Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) has arrived at St. Leo the Great. This will work well for most of the parishioners, if they feel comfortable with EFT, because it will eliminate the need to write a check, put it in an envelope then bring it to church. The response may be slow in the beginning but it should catch on.

Fundraising

Bake sale table at the Christmas Boutique? Maybe a raffle item or two?

Youth Ministry

The confirmation candidates are planning a service project for early December. They will be offering free childcare, so parents will be able to go Christmas shopping.

Evangelization

Theology on Tap continues to gather individuals to the church. Word is slowly but surely getting out about our event.

ATTACHMENT #3

**SCHOOL OF SAINT LEO THE GREAT
FROM THE DESK OF SONYA SIMRIL**

Listed below is information to be submitted to the Parish Council for the November meeting:

- There are several schools in the Diocese of Oakland that are going through some financial difficulties. Father Tim and I will give a brief explanation along with information regarding Catholic School Management
- The Annual Halloween Party and Dance will be held on October 31, 2003
- Parent conferences will be held November 11-14
- Our enrollment is 264
- The school year is off to a great start!!