

Minutes of Corpus Christi
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
May 18, 2000 - 7:30 PM

PRESENT:

Pastoral Council: Father Andrew, John Arbeau, Mike Baudais, Ray Cloutier,
Mike Colaco, Bernie Gibney, Maria Guicheret, Jerry Leduc
Irene McLaughlin, Jack McLaughlin, Billie Paul, Guy Poitras

1. Opening Prayer

Father Andrew led the opening prayer.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Ray noted a correction under the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Keep: "Ray is making crucifixes for the RCIA". Scratch: "from which _ the proceeds go to the RCIA & the other _ to the St. Vincent de Paul Society". Mike B. moved to accept the minutes of the Feb. 24/00 meeting as corrected; Guy seconded the motion.

3. Reports From Ministries

- a) Pastoral Care – Billie reported that "at present we have 3 or 4 people that we take the Eucharist to weekly, and 5 people who come to Mass if they are able – we go to them if they can't come. We also visit one on a weekly basis, and provide rides for another. One of our volunteers who was 'on leave' has decided to become active again, but will give her time at one of the hospitals."
- b) C.W.L. – Irene reported: "In March, 14 parishioners attended the World Day of Prayer at the Moravian Church of the Good Shepherd.

Six C.W.L. members attended the Living the Eucharist conference.

We had a pancake supper attended by sixty-two parishioners. Fr. Bill Trienekens was the guest speaker and spoke on the Diaconate.

The C.W.L. hosted the Stations of the Cross on March 31.

The C.W.L. made a Jubilee pilgrimage to St. Mary's Cathedral on April 6, as the Cathedral is our designated pilgrimage location for the Jubilee year.

On April 17 our council, along with other councils of the North East Quadrant, served supper to 120 priests from the diocese before the Chrism Mass.

Our annual C.W.L. brunch was held on April 30 at the Village Park Inn, attended by 54 ladies. Dr. Terrance Downey, president of St. Mary's College, gave a very

informative speech on the college today and his goals for the future. Service awards were given for twenty-five years to Leona Gibney and Eileen Gerritsen, and to Helen Savage, Madeline Hauck, and Alice Lehane for forty years service.

Seven of our members attended the 78th annual C.W.L. convention in Pincher Creek, May 5, 6, & 7. Guest speakers included: Dr. Terrence Downey, president, St. Mary's College, whose topic was "A Vision for a Catholic College in Contemporary Society", Bishop Frederick Henry, whose topic was "Our Call to be Church in Today's World", and a workshop presented by Susan Suttie and Rev. Peter Doherty, OMI on "The Catholic Family in the New Millennium". A draw was made on the quilt raffle. The winners were: Quilt – Jessie Wallace of this parish, Afghan – Don Brown, Doll – Marie Somers. This quilt was made by the ladies of the C.W.L. It won second place at the Calgary Stampede. Over two thousand dollars was collected for our charities.

Four ladies walked in the Hike for Life.

Mother's Day Roses were sold after all the Masses last weekend and all proceeds go to Pro Life.

Our council is sponsoring a garage sale on Saturday June 3 at the Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables are renting for \$10 each. Kerry Arbeau and her Youth Group will have a table of used toys and the profits will help support Youth Activities. Hilya Jones will sell greeting cards and profits from this will go to the Missions. There will be a bake table. Hot dogs and drinks will be available.

We will be holding our Windup Party at the Harris Farm again this year on June 13, for the second year. All ladies of the Parish are invited."

- c) Liturgy Committee – Bernie reported that: "We have just entered the season of Seasons – after what we, in the Liturgy Committee feel, was a beautifully celebrated Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Attendance at the Vigil is increasing, an indication that, in spite of its length, the Vigil is the highlight of the Christian Year.

Additionally, our Lenten penitential service drew over 160 penitents who kept the 6 priests in attendance quite busy.

The Liturgy Committee would like to express the thanks of the parish to Fr. Andrew and all parishioners who made these celebrations so meaningful and memorable.

Ministry Sunday is coming on the weekend of June 10/11, so be prepared to volunteer in one or more ministries.

We were pleased to partake in the Eucharist with Fr. Andrew on Tuesday in celebration of the 14th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on 17 May. In the same lofty thinking, today is also the 80th birthday of our Pope."

- d) Youth Ministry – Maria reported for Kerry on the past and upcoming events:

Past Events

- April 7th Youth led Stations of the Cross.

- April 7th & 8th Think Fast.
- April 18th Prayer service led by confirmation candidates “Change Our Hearts”.
- May 2nd Penitential Service led by confirmation candidates.
- May 3rd Confirmation Service project: twenty students from our schools participated in a churchyard clean up including the grounds at the hall.
- May 4th Confirmation Retreat.
- May 14th Youth served coffee at the 9:00 and 11:00 masses.

Upcoming Events

- May 23rd Youth choir.
- May 26th Chat Nite topic: Creation and New Beginnings.
- May 27th Jubilee 2000 Youth Celebration to be held at Ascension Church. Volunteer help is needed for this event. Corpus Christi Church is responsible for security and clean up. St. Peter’s Knights of Columbus have offered some of their members to help with security, however, we require more people. If you or anyone you know would like to lend a hand please let Kerry know at 226-4632.
- June 18th Youth to serve coffee after Sunday masses.
- June 22nd Chat Nite.
- June 29th Trip to Calaway Park – volunteer drivers required.
- July 8th Badlands Passion Play – A bus trip to Drumheller will be held this date, leaving the church at 9:00 am and returning around 9:00 p.m. Advanced registration will be required, as seats are limited. Chaperons will be required.

- e) St. Vincent de Paul Society – Ray reported that
- f) Knights of Columbus – Jack reported very briefly that “During the last month the Knights of Columbus distributed funds to several worthwhile charities.

The Knights wish to extend their support for the purchase of Father’s new residence. We hope that Fr. Andrew will not hesitate to call on us whenever help is needed.

- g) Finance Council – No report this month, as a joint Finance/Parish Council meeting was held last month.
- h) Inn From the Cold – Bernie reported that we have now “been in business” for one full year and are going “great guns”. Our Show and Tell last month attracted about 100 visitors from the parish, about 15 new volunteers, and more importantly, provided a better understanding of what we are trying to accomplish. We still require volunteers, particularly for overnight, take down, and laundry. Maybe Ministry Sunday will assist us.
- i) RCIA – Jerry reported for Shivaun that: Mystagogy is underway. We will be meeting every Wednesday until the end of May. On Wednesday May 24th, I’d like to invite one member from each ministry in the parish to do a short presentation, to the neophytes, to explain the work, time, and rewards of their particular ministry. The Mystagogy group meets in the Father Trudeau Room at 7:30 p.m.

Our Inquiry group is meeting again. At the moment, we have 6 members. This group has been moved to the room under the Sunday school room to allow the Remembering Church group to use the John Paul Room. The Inquiry group will meet until June 7th. They will not have their Rite of Welcome until September.

We intend to revamp our Inquiry process for the upcoming year. We are looking at making the Inquiry part longer (Sept. to May). In doing this, we hope to have one group of Catechumens who will travel together from Sept. to Easter rather than having a group join in the middle of the process. The Inquiry group would not meet on a weekly basis but perhaps a biweekly or monthly basis. We will use our June team meeting to plan out next year's changes.

I'd like to inform the committee that as of June 30th, I am stepping down as the R.C.I.A. coordinator. I am expecting my third child in September, and need to spend more time with my family. Jerry Leduc and Bonnie McDonald will be working together to coordinate the R.C.I.A. program next year. I would like to invite them to join us at the next meeting.

- j) Development & Peace – Mike B. reported: Our Share Lent campaign continued throughout the Lenten season. Bulletin announcements were included each Sunday, and Father made some announcements from the pulpit. Envelopes & other materials (D & P newspapers, Lifestyle Calendars, etc.) were also available in the church foyer for interested parishioners.

Marg Inkster worked with the principals at each school to incorporate some of the Share Lent materials into their school activities.

The campaign finished on a successful note, with a total of \$1,541.00 collected for Development & Peace through our church. Thanks to Sharon Heffernan for submitting the funds to the Bishop's Office on April 27th.

We would also like to thank Kerry Arbeau and the Youth Group for holding a successful "Think Fast" on April 7th and 8th – pledge monies are still being collected by the youth.

4. Old Business

- a) Window Coverings – Bernie reported that he and Bill Doeppker are continuing to work on our window coverings. Fr. has approved its template, and Bill is now fine-tuning 3 and we should have some designs this summer.
- b) Home Page Web Site – Mike B. reported that he has looked for other churches that have web pages – St. Cecilia has a very basic one with general information. Father searched as well & discovered a church in Toronto with a very elaborate web page. Mike has created a web page for our parish that can be visited at <http://mbaudais.dyndns.org/CorpusChristi/CorpusChristiMainPage.html>. He will continue to expand our web page.
- c) Catholic Education Conference 2000 – This conference will be held March 17-19th & Father would like a few of the Pastoral Council members to attend. Ray has already

registered & Guy will also register to attend. There will be 52 speakers to present various topics. Only 2,000 people have registered so far.

- d) Handicapped Parking – Bernie reported that our enquiry as to assigning the sidewalk area directly in front of the church as “Selective Handicapped Parking” for weekend liturgies was turned down by the City. If once permanently designated as “Handicapped”, it remains so, in spite of funerals, weddings, etc.
- e) Sidewalk Replacement – The City agrees that the sidewalk in front of the church is due for replacement, but it would be a joint cost project between the city and the parish – please defer for further review.
- f) Northmount Place “One-way” Designation – The City appears favourably disposed to designating that portion of Northmount Place east of 4th St. N.W. as “one-way” running northwest from southeast, although this has not been finalized. It would eliminate southbound traffic from 4th St. cutting through Northmount Place to beat the traffic lights at Northmount Drive and would expedite traffic flow during large funeral processions.
- g) Acquisition of Additional Space – S.W. Corner – The possibility of acquiring all or a portion of the triangle in the S.W. corner of the church area has not, as yet, been pursued with the city.

5. New Business

- a) Pilgrimage of Year 2000 Jubilee – Father requested that a member of Pastoral Council become our parish representative who can discuss the details of the pilgrimage with the rector of St. Mary’s Cathedral. We need to choose a date & time (during the week Mon-Fri) in June & book the Cathedral for over 30 people to be able to pray & do indulgences. Guy offered to become our liaison.
- b) Letter From Lutheran Church – Our parish received a letter from a neighboring Lutheran parish requesting how the agreement that was signed by the Lutherans, Anglicans & Roman Catholics has been put into action. Father will invite this Pastor for lunch to discuss this matter further. Father would like 3 of the Pastoral Council members to meet some of their people to discuss our current relationship & how we can develop better relationships & pray together on an ongoing basis.

6. Other New Business

- a) Bells & Incense – Guy raised the question on whether our parish could incorporate the use of the bells & incense at special masses & special occasions. Father commented that he had no objection to using the bells & would investigate why their use was discontinued. However, he did note that the use of the bells is not liturgical & has never been.
- b) Deacon From Toronto – Father indicated that a Deacon from Toronto has inquired about coming to our parish to talk about the childcare business. Father will investigate this further.
- c) Reconciliation Room – We currently have 2 rooms, & Father feels that we do not get many people due to the fact that they are open rooms. Some people would prefer

curtains for more privacy. We need to be able to offer this option; it can be done with very little renovations & cost. This will be done in the room used more often. The second room is only used at Christmas & Easter, & is a waste of space – it could be opened up or could be used for storage space.

7. Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27/00, at 7:30 PM in the church.

8. Closing Prayer

Father Andrew moved the meeting adjourned & led us in a closing prayer.