

St. Michael Catholic Church  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 16, 2007  
7:00pm  
Conference Room

MINUTES

I OPENING

Fr. Ray opened the meeting at 7:00pm

**Present:** Gloria Conover-Armstrong, Edwin Henriquez, Debra Post, Maria Elena Ventura, Kim Gruidl, Aida Fusilero, Maurice Aufderheide, Jim Shirley, Greg Antonoff, Will Macedo, Deacon Bill, Fr. Ismael, Fr. Ray and guest speaker Pat Mueller

**Absent:** Jim Morrisroe and Rich Becker

II BEGINNING PRAYER – **Fr. Ray**

- New Catechesis - Luke 17:11-19 – **Maurice Aufderheide**
- “Whose generosity do you tend to take for granted? How will you change this?”

III INTRODUCTION OF STAFF MEMBERS – **Pat Mueller – Music Director**

- Pat Mueller gave a presentation about the music program of St. Michael Parish. She has been the music director since 1981 when Mnsgr. Adams approached her to put together a music program for the new Spanish Mass. Since 1981 the parish congregation has doubled. Currently there are 8 Masses with music per weekend. During the holidays the music doubles because of the Masses that are held in the Hall. She is responsible for providing music for any occasion held in the parish including: School Masses, First Communion, Graduations, Faith Formation, Confirmation, Bi-lingual grief support Masses, Memorial Day and All Souls Day Memorials at the Cemetery, Priest Anniversaries and all Holy Days of Obligation. Pat also meets with brides to plan the music for their weddings. Pat is on call to plan the music for the approx. 100 funerals that take place each year. There are currently 3 directors, 2 pianists along with Pat, 3 cantors and several volunteers that sing and/or play instruments. Pat is always looking for more volunteers. All are welcome. “To sing is to pray twice.”

IV THANK YOUS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Refreshments – **Maurice Aufderheide**

V APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- After a correction, a motion was made by Debra Post to accept the minutes of the September meeting, Edwin Henriquez seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as corrected.

VI WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Gloria sent a Thank You note to Sr. Emmanuel for her presentation at our September meeting

VII HISPANIC MINISTRIES UPDATE –**Maria Elena**

- 10/17 is the next meeting
- Small Christian Communities has begun, their first meeting was on 10/15 and there are about 10-12 leaders. Fr. Ismael will get the schedule and meet with each of the individual groups.
- Sr. Marta and Sr. Adrianna are starting Catechesis programs. Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants are being interviewed.
- 10/27 11:00am rosary
- 11/02 Los Muertos 7:00pm Mass, 11/03 11:00am Cemetery
- Plans are underway for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
- 11/11 Confirmation Retreat – leaders are being trained
- 200 children are enrolled in K-3 Catechesis
- 10/25 9 Girls will start preparations for their Quinceñeras. There will be a retreat on 11/17
- St. Michael Feast Day Celebration raised approx. \$4K - \$5K to go towards the Parish Debt Reduction efforts.

VII YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE – **Maurice Aufderheide**

- The youth room is now being utilized for the Youth Ministry Meetings. It has been decorated and now is in need of some furniture. Talk with Dave Guisti to make any donations.

- After Mass the group went to the Corn Maze and had a good time.
- There are currently 37 students attending Youth Ministry on a regular basis – that’s up from about 8 or 9 in previous years.
- 11/2 – 11/4 there will be a Confirmation Retreat
- 10/18 Meeting for the Youth Mass Preparation.
- There has been a third Confirmation Class added on Wed. night. There are 80 1<sup>st</sup> year students enrolled and 60 2<sup>nd</sup> year students enrolled in the Confirmation Program.

#### IX PASTOR’S REPORT – Fr. Ray

- Project Andrew – 11/3 2:00pm – 8:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes in Oakland. Informational night with the Bishop to promote vocations to priesthood. Geared toward 17- 40 year old single men. Candidates should be well-rounded, active in their faith, good students, energetic and dependable. This type of event has proven effective in other areas of the country. Refer potential candidates to Fr. Ray or Fr. Ismael.
- John Paul II H.S. – there was a steering committee meeting on 9/26. Plans are moving forward. Funding is not the issue it once was. A groundbreaking date will be announced at the Nov. meeting. The website for this project is [www.johnpaul2hs.org](http://www.johnpaul2hs.org).
- Budget – Cuts have been made in non-essential areas and there have been some re-aligned areas of staff. This has had a positive impact on the budget. The deficit is reducing. Fr. Ray will give his Stewardship Homily the weekend of 10/27 – 10/28.
- Transition of Pastoral Leadership – This has happened very quickly. Things were confirmed 2 days prior to Fr. Ray’s announcement. Fr. Ray has been with the Parish 10 years; usually priests are transferred after about 12 or more years. His position of Vicar for Priests will begin on Jan. 1, 2008. He will stay in residence at St. Michael until June 2008. Fr. Ismael will be the temporary administrator until a new Pastor is appointed here. A parish profile needs to be done before a candidate is recommended. This process is done when a priest is with a parish longer than 6 years.
  - A parish transition team needs to be set – this is made up of 9-10 parishioners (1-staff, 1-school, 1-pastoral council and 6-7 parishioners at large). Fr. Ray would like this team set by our next meeting on 11/13. Will Macedo volunteered to represent the Pastoral Council.
  - The Diocese Placement Board will meet with the Pastoral Staff for a mini-process, and then the board will meet with the transition team for training. There will then be a town hall meeting to discuss who we are as a parish, what our likes are and what our needs as a parish are. The information will be collated and summarized. Once completed, the ideas will be presented to the parish on a Sunday during the time of the Homily and the parish “votes.” The placement board puts a list together of 3 names for the Bishop to reflect on and either approve or refuse. If he approves, the Parish Profile is presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> choice candidate to review and accept.

#### X NEW BUSINESS

- Due to time restraints, this was tabled until next month.

#### XI OLD BUSINESS

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#### XII ROUND TABLE PARISHIONER/COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

- Concerns about the Feast of St. Michael Festival. Seemed to be just a Hispanic Ministry Event, not something for the entire parish. Fr. Ismael explained that with the vacations of the priests, the event was planned very quickly and so other ministries were not invited to participate. Next year will be different.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. Rich Becker is scheduled to read the Gospel and provide refreshments.

#### XIII CLOSING PRAYER

- Fr. Ray led the closing prayer

Meeting ended at 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Gruidl  
Secretary