

Church of St Joseph
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Members present – Sandy Schulberg, Tom Hawkins, Rick Casper, Rachelle Medina, Kathleen Brown, Father Creagan

- I. Opening Prayer- Father Creagan
- II. December 2009 minutes approved
- III. Welcome to the new member of the PPC – Kathleen (Kat) Brown. A police officer for St. Paul. Served with NET Ministries (National Evangelization Teams), St. Paul's Outreach, Community of Christ the Redeemer and for the Bishop Lane Retreat Center of Rockville, Illinois.
- IV. Guatemalan Project – Presentation by Mike Hassel of the Archdiocesan Mission Office as well as parishioner Julie Pfitzinger. Three and a half years ago the PPC heard a presentation on the possibility of setting up a sister parish in Guatemala. St Joseph's school has since been active with Guatemala. In the fall of 2009, the Guatemalan committee shared with us their hopes of becoming a Parish wide ministry. Padre Mario Ochoa of Guatemala has made two previous visits to the Church of St. Joseph and will be returning in March 2010.

Mike Haasel spent three years as a missionary in Venezuela and one year in Africa. "Catholic" means "Universal". The role of the Mission Office is to make tangible the "Catholic" or "Universal" Church.

Mission is being connected to God. For example, the Haiti earth quake. When you see these people suffering you want to reach out and help. The relationship often becomes only one way. "We" help "them", we are superior while they are inferior. That attitude is missing the point. A sister Parish is not just about us sending money to help them rather it is about having a MUTUAL relationship. We learn from one another. That is the gift of mission.

Currently there are 25 Parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Paul with sister Parishes.

Needs to be addressed:

- Committees must be formed both here and in Guatemala.
- A staff member to be part of the committed.
- Find resources for partnership. Catholic Relief Service has workshops for Parishes.
- To distinguish if we remain attached to a person (Padre' Mario) or to a Parish. (Our Lady of the Rosary.)
- Time frame of our commitment needs to be determined up front. What happens when we get a new Pastor?

Cost involved

- Some Parishes hold a fundraiser/collection twice a year.
- Often time crafts and goods from the sister Parish are sold to raise money.
- Research shows when Parishioners experience a connection giving is INCREASED not decreased.
- Many ministries are about collecting money. The difference here is that this is about a relationship.

Padre' Mario will be with us March 12-15th.

He will concelebrate all Parish Masses.

Taco Dinner March 13.

- V. Guess who's coming to dinner? Parishioner Patty Flynn is currently researching this community building program to introduce to St. Joseph's. Patty will be invited to introduce the program thru the Parish publication "The Link".
- VI. Old Business – New Parishioners will now thbe welcomed to the Parish with a letter from the PPC.

- VII. Next meeting will focus on Long Term Planning, Father Creagan wishes to continue the next PPC meeting by reviewing Church documents that focus around the theme of Mission. It is more than a set of goals, but a Universal Mission.

Minutes proposed by Rachelle Medina