

**MQHR Worship Committee Meeting**  
**April 14, 2009**

1. Take roll of both those attending and absent  
*Attending: Anne Peck, Lisa Ivy, Sue Knies, John Mitchell, Bernie Fritz, Bill Rood, Jeanne Singh, the incomparable Fr. Noel Zamora, Kristy Tucker.*
2. Introduce new members  
Welcome, Anne Peck & Lisa Ivy! ☺
3. Review prior minutes for any needed corrections  
No corrections
4. Critique liturgies (what should we improve?) for:
  - a. **Lent**
    - i. Sue K- suggested that MQHR host another Lenten mission. Deacon Bill volunteered to coordinate if Fr. Joe agrees. Would Culminate with Penance Service.
      1. Email John Mitchell speaker ideas
    - ii. Fr. Noel: Why Catholic could have started earlier. Lots of groups took off Spring Break.
  - b. **Reconciliation services**
    - i. First one held between Masses was poorly attended and occurred simultaneously with First Communion formation. The morning service also presents a difficult opportunity to get other priests. The evening service was well attended. Consensus: keep the penance service in the evening.
    - ii. Fr. Noel: Great to offer so much confession opportunities. Some penitents come at the last minute. The penance service went well and did not last unnecessarily long.
    - iii. On Holy Saturday, the website had listed confession in the afternoon but no priest was present. Anne had to call Fr. Joe to come.
  - c. **Palm Sunday**
    - i. Have the celebrant say "please stand and face the back of the church" at the beginning of Mass.
    - ii. Many committee members recommended considering a Solemn Entrance for one of the Masses next year. It should be well-advertised so people can plan ahead. Most likely the 11am Mass would work.
    - iii. Jeanne heard that the palms were moldy.
    - iv. Suggestion to have fanned palms next year for decorations.

**d. Holy Thursday**

- i. The committee agreed that the liturgy started too early at
  1. From her spot in the choir, Bernie saw many people walk in late during the entire Mass.
  2. Music ministry was affected as the choir was told to arrive by 5:45pm. Many choir members arrived late.
  3. Clays Mill traffic becomes very congested during rush hour.
  4. Suggestion: begin the liturgy at 7:00pm.
- ii. Altar of repose was too small and crowded. Many people left after arrival. Ideas for future ideas include the rotunda in the school (it may be a more visible procession), school library, cafeteria. Also, some parishioners did not know where Father was going.
- iii. Perhaps instructions (verbal or on the cards). The Cathedral compiles a Triduum worship aid booklet containing all the music & instructions. The Committee suggested we consider such a booklet for next year. It could contain instructions for the various liturgies.
- iv. What happened to the procession of the oils? Usually they processed and presented at the beginning of Mass.
- v. Help the congregation learn Latin & Spanish songs.
- vi. Sue: consider bringing the footwashers to the sanctuary instead of the front pews so the congregation could see.

**e. Good Friday**

- i. Again, considering the traffic and work implications, consider moving this Liturgy to 7:00pm. Most businesses and public schools do not take off Good Friday. This year, some of the Catholic Schools held school on Good Friday to make up for snow days.
- ii. The Hispanic community presented an excellent Passion play. John has pictures from the event on the website. The character playing Jesus carried the cross around the parking lot!! Anyone who didn't know Spanish could still understand the touching scenes.
- iii. Great turnout for the stations and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Jeanne suggested that the priest leading the Chaplet give an introduction to the prayer as many Catholics are unfamiliar with the devotion.
- iv. Good Friday Liturgy: Once again, consider moving the time to 7:00pm to better accommodate working parishioners.
- v. Give Deacon Kotzbauer a head-set mic for the Passion Gospel; it was hard to hear him with the 2 other deacons that were there.

- vi. Presentation and Veneration of the Cross: many of the congregation were not the form used this year, especially when to kneel and rise (we think most people were used to the cross carried down the aisle w/ accompanied singing). If the same form is used next year, instruction should be given or maybe have a deacon motion for kneeling and standing.
- vii. Veneration went better line-wise. The red pillows kept the cross at a more usable level for veneration. Great work!

**f. Easter Vigil**

- i. Put a notice in the bulletin AND signs about congregation not allowed in the church prior to the service. Greeters had a rough time with angry parishioners who didn't understand.
- ii. The outside Easter Fire service was started before the hallways had emptied. Because the congregation rightly waited for RCIA to process out to the fire, extra time was taken to get everyone outside.
  - 1. Suggestion: Begin sending the congregation outside 5 minutes before the start. Still reserve front part for RCIA.
- iii. Many people missed "Christ our Light" because of the slow funneling back to the church going around the fire instead of right to the doors.
  - 1. Alternate location for next year: Sue mentioned that the Easter Fire used to be lit at the Mary statue. If we did this next year, the waiting congregation could stay in the school or gym instead of a cramped hallway.
  - 2. A different location would also make it easier to keep people out of the church.
- iv. Candle lighting went well. It was quick. Parishioners helped clean up wax afterwards. Not coming back to the font to light the candle made the lighting more efficient. Sufficient number of candles.
- v. Maybe have a Responsorial Psalm in Spanish next year to accompany the Spanish reading.
- vi. Once again, there was 15-minute silent period after the baptisms finished and the congregation relit the candles. The choir sang a beautiful long song but there was still a long silent lull. Maybe have the choir sing another song next year?
- vii. Great job, servers!! 😊

**g. Easter Sunday**

- i. Timing of Masses better this year. The 9:15 Mass had emptied in plenty of time before the 11am. All Masses were well attended.

- ii. The EMHCs had to break Hosts at the 9:15 and 11am Masses. The 11am captain made sure to check the stations during Communion.
- iii. 4 full ciboria in the the Tabernacle Sunday morning.
- iv. 1300 people at the 1:00pm Spanish Mass. May need a second Spanish Easter Mass next year.

**h. Pentecost (May 30/31)**

- i. The committee should come ready for decoration ideas.
- ii. Lisa will check with Father Joe for appropriate flowers.

5. Upcoming plans for Easter Season and Pentecost. *Because the Holy Week Feedback took the bulk of the Meeting, no ministry updates were presented. Those with reports are indicated:*
  - a. Children's Liturgy (*see report*)
  - b. Devotions (*see report*)
  - c. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
  - d. Hospitality
  - e. Lectors (*see report*)
  - f. Music
  - g. Sacramental Formation (*see report*)
  - h. Sacristy (Art & Environment, Altar Society)
  - i. Servers: nothing new to report.
  
6. Anything not yet covered (possibly home Mass at May meeting)
  - a. Feast of Divine Mercy. Can the priests announce the 2:30 service at the Sunday Masses?
  - b. Fr. Noel will lead. Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, benediction.
  - c. Jeanne will follow up with Fr. Noel to check about offering confession.
  - d. Anne suggested emailing Lisa Keeny to send to the parents. Consider inserting the flyers into the bulletins on Friday.
  
7. Comments by the Pastor
  - a. n/a; Fr. Joe was absent and Fr. Noel was called away suddenly during the meeting.
  
8. The next meeting on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, will take place at John Mitchell's house, 3228 Cornwall Drive. Spouses are invited. We will have a potluck, so be sure to email the group about what the dish you will bring. John will let us know if we will have a home Mass before the potluck.

## Ministry Reports April 2009

### Lectors

#### Mark & Kristy Tucker

- We need more lectors, especially for the afternoon Masses. Training sessions will be held in May and June following the time & talent surveys.
- We have met some English lectors willing to read at the Spanish Mass and will send them to Diana, the coordinator of lectors for the Spanish Mass.
- Having consistent Spanish readings worked well for the Triduum (2<sup>nd</sup> reading on Holy Thursday & Good Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> reading for Holy Saturday).

### Devotions

#### Team Leader: Jeanne Singh

#### Highlights/Upcoming Plans:

- Divine Mercy Prayer Group (Lu Mattone)
  - Novena started on Good Friday Apr 10, 2009 with Fr. Noel Zamora leading the Chaplet after Stations of the Cross
    - Novena brochures : 1000 in English and 500 in Spanish – available
    - Chaplet recitation at least once during the day for 9 days (before or after Mass) till Feast Day
  - Feast Day Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/ Chaplet/ Benediction to begin at 2:30 pm will be led by Fr. N Zamora
  - Availability of Priests for Reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday?
  - Announcements placed in bulletin; Flyers posted at MQHR as well as at St. Peter's; spread the word by mouth and mass e-mails
  - Next year – to plan ahead; spread the news/devotions on Divine Mercy
- Sacred Heart Prayer Group (Karen Estes)
  - Prayer Group will meet on Apr 17
- Family Holy Hour (Mary Graehler)
  - Fr. Chris Clay will lead the FHH on Tuesday April 21 with a reflection on St. Faustina and will also lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. It is the 6th-year anniversary of the FHH in our parish.
  - Fr. Danny Fister (to be ordained ) will lead the May 19 FHH
- Prayer Network (Jane Leake)
  - There are about 40 members participating.
- Eucharistic Adoration (Laura Hack)
  - Back to regular schedules
- Marian Devotions (Lu Mattone)

- Propose for Rosary Devotions prior to the weekend Masses
  - We will need to coordinate this with the members
- Questions on whether we should have May Crowning
- **Issues/Concerns:**
  - We will try to have back-up support/volunteers for each of the Groups

## **Sacramental Formation/RCIA**

### **Cara Johnson**

**RCIA - Current status and Roster** - There are 4 Inquirers, 5 Candidates (Baptized) and 1 Catechumen (unbaptized).

**RCIA Schedule of Catechists** – We have catechists scheduled through June 21, 2009

**RCIA for Children** – 53 are ready to start the next session April 26. There are 3 classes led by Christina Michels, Trez Kenney and Marcia Nava. There are 3 bi-lingual assistants. 50 are baptized Catholic, 3 will be baptized next Easter Vigil, April 3, 2010. These 3 are from Spanish-speaking families.

**Holy Week** – Bi-lingual programs were purchased from the RCIA budget for Spanish-speaking families at the Easter Vigil. These programs started Holy Thursday and run through Pentecost. (There were no Spanish-only partial Missals found to be purchased.) The readings should have been opposite of these Missalettes. The readings in English verbally are the ones in Spanish written in the program and vice versa so the Spanish-speaking community can follow along. Strong consideration should be considered to purchase Spanish Missals next liturgical year.

**Easter Vigil** – Next year, we will have a designated person to direct the elect and their families to their reserved seating. This year, there was confusion because of the dark and also not enough room for all family members.

If possible, when the chapel is set up in CD – this should be reserved on the facility scheduler at the parish office. 3 meetings were affected by this change.

If possible, move the lift to another location so we can add more chairs for folks to sit Easter weekend. The Spanish Mass was shoulder to shoulder out the front doors. We may need 2 Spanish Masses for Easter next year.

**First Communion** – We have 98 children who are participating in the final preparation for First communion. 65 are scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and 14 for May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am. There are 15 children from Spanish families that will have their first communion at the 1:00 Spanish Mass on May 17.

**General Question** – is there a representative on the Worship Advisory Team from the Spanish-speaking community?

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Jeannete Garner, Michelle Lankster, Suzy Wells**

**Updates since last meeting:**

1. Did not have Children's Liturgy on Palm Sunday or Easter.
2. Classes will resume this Sunday.
3. One new assistant will be starting this month.
4. Will continue to have Children's Liturgy in the summer, as long as enough teachers are available.

**No concerns at this time.**