

**St. Cecilia Parish
Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee**

Date: February 12, 2003

Subject: Minutes of February 11 Committee Meeting

Participants: Gary Aitchison, Kay Aitchison, Cathy Gerbracht, Bill Haas, Bob Hauser, Mary Ross

A. Call to Order/Prayer

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:20 pm, immediately following prayer in the church.

B. Minutes of last meeting

C. Eucharistic Adoration

No report/discussion.

D. Steve Angrisano

Mary Ross is conducting a fairly extensive advertising campaign, contacting other parishes in the area and local media outlets. St. Thomas Aquinas parish is planning to have its youth religious education classes attend Sunday night. Bob Hauser is thinking about asking the Teen Mass group to perform for the 5 pm Saturday and 11:15 Sunday masses. A maid-rite type snack is being considered for after the 5 pm Saturday event; a small reception is being considered for after the Sunday evening event. Hauser will check with Sally Elbert concerning a Monday night reception or meal.

E. Teen Mass

Mary Ross and Cathy Gerbracht reported that Joe Lawlor has asked Mark Gannon to organize the March Teen Mass and is trying to line up Glenn Sibbel to help. Hauser reported that, because of the shortage of priest power, the Teen Mass will likely be moved to 5 pm Saturday or 11:15 Sunday. He plans to contact the musicians to explore what will work.

The May Teen Mass will also honor parish graduates. Mary Ross will work with Patty Streit to get a letter out addressing details. It was reported that Joe Lawlor had a list of people who volunteered to host a reception for the graduates; the list may need to be reconstructed.

F. Ministries

1. Gary Aitchison suggested the committee consider how we could learn of, recognize, and pray for specific members of the parish (and their families) who are called to military service. After some discussion, the committee suggested that a book of prayer intentions be located at the rear of the church. There, parishioners could write intentions they wished the St. Cecilia community to pray for. That could include specific persons called to military service, their families, others affected by war, and any other intentions. The committee also asked Bob Hauser to ask Father Terry to include some intentions from the book in the Prayers of Intercession at masses.

2. Servers

Bob Hauser reported he trained Eric Pahl for serving at the 11:15 Mass.

3. Eucharistic Ministers.

No report.

4. Lectors.

No report.

G. Celebration in Thanksgiving for Franciscans

There was considerable discussion on this topic, especially concerning the perceived lack of enthusiasm for the idea. The idea is that this parish and its members are thankful for the service that many members of the Conventual Order of Franciscans have given us over the past 25 years; we want to show and celebrate our thanksgiving to them and to God. The proposed celebration is not primarily about the Franciscans who serve here now. It would hopefully include many Franciscans who served here and are willing/able to attend. It was noted that the Franciscans would likely find it

easier to participate if the event were held early on a weekday rather than on a weekend. Gary Aitchison, Bob Hauser, and Sally Elbert will get together soon to advance the planning.

H. Lent and Easter

Committee members agreed to decorate the church for Lent at 7 pm Tuesday March 4.

I. Renewal of Marriage Vows

Aitchisons reported that a service for renewal of marriage vows is planned for a Sunday afternoon during Lent. It will include music and coffee and cake will be served afterward. Fr. Terry will preside.

J. Healing Service

Aitchisons commented that the recent Healing Service was excellent. Participants included 54 persons + 6 staff. They recommended that it be done at least twice a year.

K. Scouts Sunday

This will be celebrated at the 9:30 Mass on February 16. Mike Heitzman and Mike and Connie Vaclav are leading.

L. Education Regarding Parish Committees

Haas commended the Aitchisons on all the information they conveyed during their recent talk on support for Christian Marriage and suggested brief descriptive information concerning one parish committee be given at the beginning or end of each weekend liturgy. Mary Ross expressed an interest in helping to write up the descriptions. The same information could be provided on the St. Cecilia website. Bob Hauser will suggest that the Parish Council ask for volunteers to help set up/maintain the web site.

M. Mini Marriage Encounter Renewal

Kathy Gerbracht congratulated the Aitchisons on their recent marriage presentation and asked if they had ever considered offering a mini marriage encounter renewal. Some discussion followed and will likely continue.

Next SG&L Committee Meeting: 7:00 pm March 11, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Haas