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**Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of 11 October 2005**

Participants: Sandy Fagan, Kelli Faidley, Bill Haas, Bob Hauser, Ron Rasmussen, Cyndi Volcko, and Jacque Zbaracki

A. Call to Order/Prayer

Bob Hauser called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 pm. We began with the Prayer of the Day from **Daily Prayer 2005**.

B. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting (September 13) were approved as distributed.

C. Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee Self-Assessment

The committee continued the self-assessment process started last month. Committee members shared their thoughts on what each believed to be the five chief spiritual needs of our parish. The members worked from a list of needs and proposed actions that originated from last month's initial discussion of the topic. The committee seemed to have consensus on five or six top needs and Bill Haas offered to draft a list for committee review and approval. The draft list follows.

1. Meaningful spiritual liturgies that connect us to the Eucharist as individuals and as community. Continuing basic instruction on the meaning of and appropriate participation in the parts of the Mass is needed.
2. Increased appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.
3. Knowledge, skills, and methods to share our faith, spread the Good News, and foster vocations.
4. A spiritual community in which all, especially young people and families, feel welcomed, cared about, and called by name; also a community that reaches out to help others in material or spiritual need.
5. Help in forming, maintaining, and improving appropriate relationships with God and our fellow pilgrims – emphasizing action, including worship, appreciation, communication, love, caring, evangelization, growth.

Pending approval, the next step is to share the list with the Parish Council for their input and approval. Subsequent steps would include goal setting, implementation and resource planning, and finally submission to the Parish Council for discussion and approval.

D. Ministries

1. A server training session will be conducted later in October.
2. Cathy Gerbracht provided training for new Eucharistic Ministers (youth and adult).
3. Ron Rasmussen reported that Father Terry has not yet identified a new person to take over the scheduling of Eucharistic Ministers. Ron went ahead with scheduling for the next period.

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E. Eucharistic Adoration

Cyndi Volcko reported.

1. 54 new persons began adoration since the September signup. These are in addition to the 277 previously active members of the adoration group.
2. Several members recently attended a Eucharistic Congress in Saint Paul, Minnesota. It was a moving experience with approximately 7500 in attendance. An estimated 5000 participated in a Eucharistic procession from the capitol to the Cathedral.
3. December marks the 9th year of Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Cecilia parish. The group would like to have a special celebration of the 10th anniversary, perhaps in February 2007.

F. Living Liturgy Resource

Bob Hauser reported that these books have arrived. He distributed copies to the committee members who were present and asked them to make themselves familiar with the contents.

G. Advent/Christmas – Standing Arts and Environment committee

1. Bob Hauser reported that he had not yet formed this committee. He said he would try to get the group formed soon.
2. Bob also reported that Father Terry does not want the platform for the Nativity scene erected this year. New ideas will be needed.

H. Upcoming Dates to Remember

3. Confirmation Rite – October 16, at the 11:15 Mass
4. Joan Carter McHugh, co-sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America, is scheduled for 7 pm Thursday 20 October. Ms McHugh is the author of *My Daily Eucharist*, a book of 365 short reflections on the Eucharist.
5. Sister Therese Even is scheduled for 23-25 October, with Anointing of the Sick on Tuesday evening, 25 October.
6. All Saints' Day – Tuesday, November 1 – A Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 7:30 pm (no Mass on the vigil)
7. All Souls' Day Remembrance service 7:30 pm Wednesday, November 2
8. Lisa Wagner's Still Point Theater performance of the Thomas Merton play is scheduled for 20 November.

I. Teen Mass – first Sunday of the month at 11:15

The first Teen Mass of the year was celebrated October 2, at the 11:15 Mass.

Bob Hauser reported that Gabe Roberts' group did the planning and that things went well. Bob reported that five teens served as music ministers.

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned with prayer at approximately 8:30 pm.

Next meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2005 (most likely in Music Room).

Respectfully submitted, Bill Haas