

These draft meeting minutes await review and approval
by the Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee.

**Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2007**

Participants: Bill Haas, Bob Hauser, Fr. Nienhaus, Ron Rasmussen, Sue Stanton, Cyndi Volcko, Jacque Zbaracki

A. Call to Order/Prayer.

Bob Hauser called the meeting to order in the A/Y Room at approximately 7 pm and led the committee in a sung Litany of the Holy Spirit (composed by Bob).

B. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

The minutes of the April 26 meeting were approved as drafted.

C. Pentecost Set-up

The committee members agreed to do the set-up immediately after the meeting.

D. Corpus Christi Procession

Cyndi Volcko reported that the planning for this is moving forward. A light lunch will be served following Benediction at Inis Grove Park. The Knight of Columbus will be picking up the food and helping with the serving. The procession will be promoted in the bulletin and in bulletin insert for two weeks before the occasion, June 10. In the event of rain a mini-procession and benediction will be conducted in the church.

E. Pope Benedict XVI's apostolic exhortation, *Sacramentum Caritatis* on the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Church's life and mission

Committee members had been asked to read Part 1 of this document (through paragraph 33) in preparation for discussion/faith-sharing to occur at this meeting. Comments that surfaced during the discussion/faith-sharing included the following:

- Pope Benedict writes with an elegant simplicity. He teaches in a very clear and simple manner. Paragraph 1 is a good example.
- Pope Benedict asserted that, in the Church's history, "Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's Eucharistic presence among his people."
- The document is very pastoral in tone, addressing a number of practical concerns/questions, e. g., the order of the sacraments of initiation, those who come to the Gospel from cultures in which polygamy is practiced.
- Pope Benedict emphasizes the intrinsic relationship between Eucharist and Reconciliation, also that bringing out the elements within the rite of the Mass that express consciousness of personal sin and God's mercy can be helpful to the faithful.
- Pope Benedict reaffirmed the beauty and importance of priestly life lived in celibacy.
- The pope asserted that the pastoral care of vocations to the priesthood needs to involve the entire Christian community in every area of its life.

Sue Stanton asked what actions will result from this reading and discussion/faith-sharing. A number of possibilities were mentioned in the ensuing discussion:

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- Promote study and discussion in small Christian communities within the parish.
- Promote study and discussion in sessions of religious education for adults.
- Offer one or more homilies on topics addressed in the document.
- Offer a teaching as part of a Soup Supper during Lent or Advent.
- Include one or more bulletin inserts addressing topics covered in the document.

We will need to consider this further and coordinate with John Hayes, Director of Religious Education, to establish an action plan.

F. Outdoor Banners

Cyndi Volcko reported on efforts to design a set of eight banners for use during ordinary time. The proposed concept would include a banner to graphically represent each of the seven sacraments plus one banner with a cross on it. The proposed dominant color is green. Cyndi showed graphic examples taken from a ritual book. Committee members seemed to agree that the graphics needed additional work because some were not clearly associated with one and only one of the sacraments. Someone suggested we might look at First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding, etc. cards offered by Christian bookstores; the symbols used there are often readily associated with one sacrament. Cyndi agreed to work further on this, sharing proposed ideas with other committee members.

G. Vocations Committee

Bill Haas reported that the parish council has established a Vocations Committee. The committee will emphasize listening for God's calling regarding all vocations and especially for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. He asked for volunteers to serve on the committee and for nomination of persons thought to be well suited for service on this committee. Cyndi Volcko volunteered to serve on the committee.

H. Larger Space Needed for School Masses

Jacque Zbaracki noted it appears the chapel may no longer be large enough to accommodate all who wish to attend the "School Masses". After discussion, the committee decided that future School Masses would be in the church.

I. Eucharistic Congress

Cyndi Volcko reported. Cyndi is organizing a bus trip + hotel accommodations for a group of up to 50 people to attend the Eucharistic Congress, June 15 – 22, 2008, in Quebec City, Ontario. Pope Benedict XVI is expected to conduct closing ceremonies on June 22. The trip will encompass 7 days and 6 nights, including 2 days of bus travel each way. Bus cost is estimated at \$175/person round-trip; hotel costs range from \$85 to \$140/night. The trip will largely follow the itinerary of Archbishop Chaput of Denver, Colorado.

J. Eucharistic Adoration

Cyndi Volcko reported. The group leaders have been thinking about lining up a special presenter for 2008. The following are under consideration:

- Father Robert Gielow, Director of the Vincentian Parish Mission Center in Kansas City, MO
- Scott Hahn, Professor of Theology and Scripture at Franciscan University of

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Steubenville, Founder and Director, St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

- Sister Briega McKenna, Order of Saint Clare, member of the Sisters of Saint Clare Retreat Ministry and author of books on healing and a 5 CD set on the Eucharist.

K. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned with the Our Father at approximately 8:20 pm.

Committee members adjourned to the narthex/church to undecorated/decorate for Pentecost.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Haas

Next Meeting: In the A/Y Room, 7:00 pm Thursday, June 28, 2007

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