

Saints Peter & Paul Church Annual Meeting
Sunday, September 21, 2003

1. Pastoral Administrator's presentation:

- Stewardship: giving back to God what God has given to us in terms of parishioner time, talent and treasure.
- SSPP parish life is about Loving God Serving Neighbor through participation in parish ministries and Building Community among ourselves and others.
- Greatest challenge is to grow in terms of:
 1. membership.
 - Parishioners are challenged to invite new members to join us.
 2. participation in the opportunities afforded by the parish ministries.
 - There's a job for everyone.
 3. finances.
 - in addition to personal contributions, increased membership will help also.
- Diocesan Pastoral Plan: (involving SSPP, the Roman Catholic Churches of the 19th Ward, Immaculate Conception and the U of R faith community)
 - It is now in its second phase. The Bishop is opening up the planning process to include the City West group (Holy Apostles, Holy Family and St. Anthony).
 - Nothing has been formalized yet. Clustering is a possibility.
- the Diocese has helped SSPP over the past year with computer technical assistance, speakers last March and two grants (one involved the summer vacation Bible School).
- **Partners in Faith**: the major diocesan fundraising campaign will take place in October, November and December 2003. It replaces the Thanks Giving Appeal this year.
 - 50% of the money raised goes to Saints Peter and Paul Church
 - 50% goes to the Diocese for:
 - Catholic Schools
 - lay minister training
 - priests' retirement
 - The bishop himself is raising funds for the renovation of the cathedral.
- **Initiatives Underway at Saints Peter & Paul**:
 - Lifelong faith formation (personal growth and development.)
 - Examples: - regular series of bulletin inserts
 - Bible Study (1 time per month on Saturdays at parish house)
 - family enrichment (special religious feasts and observances)
 - Social Events: (e.g. pasta dinner; Sunday breakfast, *200 Club* dinner.
 - Parish visitation for Shut-ins: serving 5 - 6 homebound parishioners.
 - Commitment Cards: (soon) Youth and adult parishioners will be asked to commit themselves to one hour per month "doing something *in or for* the parish".
 - this will also include a commitment for one's yearly contribution to the parish.

2. Parish Council presentation: Melissa Gernon

- introduction of Council members: Jeanette Creighton, vice chairperson; Marcy Klein; Mary Cartella; John Curran, secretary; Tim McFarland; Nancygail Quattrociocchi, Melissa Gernon (chairperson); *ex officio*: Sr. Pat Flass, SSJ and Sr. Barbara Kuhn, SSJ.
 - council has seven instead of nine members this year to increase efficiency.

• **Goal this year: To increase awareness and knowledge of parish ministries.**

- In order to advocate for Saints Peter & Paul's as a vital urban church, it is critical to understand and support the roles of its ministries which include:

- 1) St. Peter's Kitchen ; 2) SWEM (food baskets) ; 3) Liturgy ; 4) Buildings & Grounds ;
- 5) Neighborhood United (grassroots advocacy) ; 6) Saint Paul's Table (baked goods distribution) ; 7) Hospitality Table (Sunday coffee & donuts) ; 8) Sojourner House (for residents living in converted school building) ; 9) Music Ministry ; 10) Visitation of Parish Shut-ins ; 11) Healing Circle (Thursdays at noon) ; 12) St. Peter's Closet (clothing ministry on Tuesday & Thursday mornings) ; 13) Floral & Groundskeeping and
- 14) Emmaus House (urban teacher training experience at parish house).

- one ministry will be highlighted each month; posters, brochures

3. **200 Club presentation:** Frank Battaglia

- 200 Club Dinner will be Friday, October 3rd; Frank needs to know who will be attending.
- contact him if you would like photos taken.
- price for nonmembers: \$22.00
- event is a wonderful time to socialize and raise funds for the parish

4. **Finance Council presentation:** Judy Graper, Chairperson and presenter); Lisa Etter, Marlene Moran, Bernadette and Bob Tuttle; Sr. Pat Flass SSJ

- basic role of committee is to manage the parish assets and keep things going.
- refer to Sister Pat's letter of 9/21/03 which details parish financial status for FY 2002-3, parish contribution patterns (envelope and non-envelope using donors) and suggestions.
- parish operations for the fiscal year ending June 30th experienced a \$14,259 deficit which was less than projected. The custodial fund was left untouched.
- a \$4,000 deficit is projected for next fiscal year. Need to increase parish membership, envelope use and donors making up contributions for missed weeks while away.
- new weekly need figure for 2003-04: \$ 950. (for comparison: last year's was \$1,450).

5. **Liturgy Committee presentation:** Jean DiGiovanni

- September: regular programming; 9/28: St. Peter's Kitchen volunteers at Mass.
- October: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 10/5/03; Liturgical session at Nazareth College on 10/11/03; anointing service (Sat. or Sun. to be announced);
- November: Women's Retreat Day 11/1/03 (Sat.); All Souls 11/2/03 (Sun); Holy Hour after Mass in Chapel for Christ the King feast day; Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10:00am;
- December: Feast of the Immaculate Conception (noon Mass); reconciliation service(TBA) Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am;
- January: New Year's Day Mass at 10:00am; Epiphany (heritage celebration dinner)
- February: St. Valentine's Day 2/15/04 (blessing of married couples)

Hospitality Table: Jean would like to step back from the full-time organization of this ministry; volunteers are needed (just one Sunday per month to coordinate & help).