

# COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

## March 9, 2017

SS. John and Paul Parish and SS. Mary and Patrick Parish held their Common Leadership Night at Notre Dame. Father Marty called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the opening prayer. One guest was present.

Father Marty indicated the group was seated by parish, so he asked the commission members to introduce themselves to someone they do not know.

Father indicated he spoke at the Masses on February 25-26. Comments that were shared is that it was very well done, and there were no concerns from it. It is on the parish website. He read a letter from Bishop Amos that gave permission to merge the parishes into one parish. The new entity will be a union of all things. The question was raised if we could start going by the new name before July 1<sup>st</sup> and the answer is "yes".

Parishioners have been suggesting names for the new parish. Father read off the names that have been proposed. There will be a vote by the parishioners the weekends of March 18-19 and 25-26. Parishioners must sign their ballot. Parishioners who may vote must be registered members of the parishes who are confirmed. Parishioners who are ill or not able to attend Mass can vote through a tab on the website or call the parish office. If a ballot isn't signed, it will be tossed. It was decided to have the ballots at the ends of pews, with the vote before Mass, and ushers picking them up. It was questioned why just the names submitted with the largest number of submissions would be brought forward for the vote. It was recommended that the commission members choose the names on which to vote. The recommendation was made to eliminate the geographical names, and it was the consensus of the commission members to eliminate geographical names. Using the name Notre Dame would cause confusion since it would be unclear when using the name if a person was referring to the parish or the school. The name was also viewed as divisive. Bishop Amos approved of not using the name Notre Dame. It was the consensus of the commission members to remove Notre Dame from the list of possible names. Father Marty asked if we wanted the new name to reflect where we have been, who we are, or who we want to be? Father Marty announced a name suggestion and commission members voted by a show of hands if a name should remain as a possibility. Through this process, the list of names was reduced to twelve: St. Teresa of Calcutta, Transfiguration, Ave Maria, Corpus Christi, Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Hope, Guardian Angels, Good Shepherd, St. Francis of Assisi, Mary, Queen of Saints, All Saints, Holy Trinity. The commission members then voted on each name, which resulted in three names remaining: Divine Mercy, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Teresa of Calcutta. It was the consensus of the commission members to have these three names on the ballot. Parishioners will have the option to write in a name. Each ballot, whether submitted on a paper ballot or by e-mail, must contain the parishioner's name.

Father Marty indicated the parish offices would be located at SS. Mary and Patrick Parish Hall. Construction decisions need to be made. The offices are being

consolidated so all staff is in the same building, so it will be easier for the priests, and so the priests' office space is separate from their living space. The estimated cost of renovations to SS. Mary and Patrick Parish Hall to accommodate the needed offices is \$21,500.

The like commissions from both parishes met together. Two Minute Verbal Reports were not given due to the time. Father Marty asked if there was anything to be brought up. He was asked how many people were needed on each commission. Father said each commission should decide how many members they need. Father thinks there might be a Gathering of Ministers in August.

Amanda Nichols shared two fundraisers for NCYC: a silent auction for one pew and one parking spot for Christmas and Easter, and a 5K for people and their dogs. Amanda had flyers and registration forms.

Father Marty led the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

The next Common Leadership Night will be held on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Notre Dame.

Respectfully submitted,

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