

Divine Mercy Commission Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM. The Formation Commission had opening prayer.

Father Marty reminded the Commission members to invite to the Faith Festival and to sign up to have their picture taken for the parish directory. The Gathering of Ministers will be held September 13th. He suggested inviting five people to the Gathering of Ministers, with at least one of them being a person under the age of 40. He thanked the people who will be leaving the Pastoral Council and Commissions for their service over the past years.

Father Marty shared statistics about the priests in the diocese at this time. The diocese has 60 active priests serving 78 parishes. 30 of the 60 priests have more than one assignment. Of the four age groups, 15 priests are 65+, with the oldest 82; 20 priests are 60-64; 11 priests are 50-59; and 14 priests are 25-49.

Liz Sanning encouraged the Commission members to invite to Faith Festival and buy a t-shirt.

Two Minute Verbal Reports

Administration Commission: Buildings and Grounds reported that painting will begin next week at St. Paul's. The Communication committee needs to prioritize their activities, including finding volunteers to check in parishioners for their photo session. The committee is looking at technology to be able to send out mass e-mails. There are a number of upcoming parish events for which volunteers are needed.

Community Commission: They talked about unifying the three church halls for funeral luncheons and social events. The Faith Festival needs are covered. They will be planning for the Red, White, and Blue Mass on September 11.

Formation Commission: The commission has a list of activities they are thinking about, including the Back-to-School gift bag for students in 6th through 12th grade, which will be given out during the Back-to-School Cookout August 29 in Dankwardt Park. They discussed preparations for the Red, White, and Blue Mass. There was discussion of a lighted grotto for Cookies, Cacao, and Carols.

Outreach Commission: Kathy Haas agreed to be the CROP Walk Coordinator for the parish. Craig Fenton, Transitions DMC, was present to share the needs and concerns.

Worship Commission: There is still a need for some volunteers for the Faith Festival Mass. Altar Server training for new servers will begin next week.

Father Marty offered the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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