

Parish Vocations Committee Agenda

April 16th, 2008

7:00 PM

Opening Prayer – We opened the meeting with the Serran Prayer for Vocations

Review of Last Month's Minutes – Jerry read last month's minutes.

Parish Committee – Jerry will share the list of people he has identified for possible help in this area with Linda. Jerry has not had a chance to make further contacts beyond what he had reported last month.

Adoration – There are three groups (St. Rose Lima Guild; Knights of Columbus; and Outreach Ministry) who have signed up for an Hour of Adoration for Vocations. We are aware of three other groups who likely want to take an hour. This is great progress. Our committee, the Vocations Committee will take an hour. Jayne will coordinate this for us. Fr. showed us some plans for the Adoration Chapel. We hope to be able to coordinate our next adoration initiative (the one Fr. Randy Soto shared with us) with the opening of that chapel.

Vocation Crucifix – Duane reported that we got over 50 names of families to participate in our weekly Vocations Crucifix program. That was a great success. Jayne said Joyce is doing well and has no particular needs to bring to the committee. This has truly been a great blessing for our parish.

Spiritual Bouquet – Judy is moving along well with the Spiritual Bouquet. We hope to get over 200 cards returned this year and if so we will have them delivered to Fr. Mike in two wagons. Judy said she is going to the CCD classes and to the teachers to build more support for participation. Things are looking good for another very successful effort.

Connection to the Serra Club & 31 Club – Judy reported that there is now a Serra Club in the Grand Island diocese. There will be a planning session for the board of directors of each of the Nebraska Serra Clubs on April 26th. On June 9th, the Serrans sponsor a golf benefit for Priests, Serrans, and Guest at the Pines in Valley. In 2009 (in the fall), the Omaha Serra Clubs will host the Serran International convention.

Judy attended the gathering at Happy Hollow Country Club where Fr. Matya from Lincoln discussed how the Lincoln Newman Center serves the area youth. Their church holds about 350 persons and it is full at all masses each weekend. About 50% of Newman Club attendees are from the Omaha diocese; 35% from the Lincoln; and 15% from the Grand Island diocese. They do a great service to our youth and need to be supported in those efforts.

We are still working to fill out our 31-Club participation.

Connection to FOCUS – Jerry, Duane, Shane, and Ann have worked together to put on an evening where both the UNL and UNO FOCUS missionaries will come to Gretna to meet and mingle with our Jrs and Srs. We expect about 20-25 Gretna youth to attend the evening event. It begins at 7:00 with dogs and soda; then the FOCUS people will share what they are about and what they do with the Gretna youth. We will offer both FOCUS locations a small stipend for their participation in this event. Fr. Mike mentioned that he has invited Adam Ybarra to come speak at all the masses on the first week end in May. This will give our youth and our adults more contact with FOCUS and the opportunity they offer our youth going off to college.

High Spirit Evening of Prayer & Music – High Spirit will host an evening of prayer and music April 27th. This will be open to the community.

Other Business – None

Closing Prayer – We closed with the Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations.

Next Meeting: May 14th, 2008 at 7:00 PM