St. Anne's Pastoral Council Meeting

March 15, 2012

In Attendance: Father Brandon, Margaret Shore, Ana Molina, Ben and Graciella Huerta, Annette Murdaca, Thelma Ahn, Donna Dominguez, Jose Ordaz, Dan Gruber, Joan Cahill

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction and Evening Prayer in the chapel.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Margaret took the Council through a look at our Mission Statement noting we seem to be on track in carrying out that mission. She noted that we are striving to "seek to build a strong family of faith" and our efforts to blend the English/Spanish communities is a solid example of creating that *strong family of faith* here at St. Anne's

Thornton PPC update delivered by Fr. Brandon:

- Thornton is still working toward producing a resource guide for their ministers.
- Father Jose Luis Gutierrez will be presenting a mission at Thornton during Holy Week.

Father Brandon's Report:

- *Welcoming Sunday* was scheduled to begin this coming Sunday but it was decided to wait an additional month so that it can be well advertized and all the supplies needed can be readied. Dan Gruber will keep in touch with Fr. Bill regarding preparations. Dan passed out a Lenten reflection for all those present.
- Father Brandon will be meeting with a small group in April to brainstorm ideas regarding the transitioning of petal/council representatives. Hopefully there will be something to present to the Council in May.
- Mr. Miracle is trying to re-work his schedule to find the time to help us with our Pastoral Plan for the next five years.
- St. Anne's has hired Lourdes Sanchez as a receptionist at the front desk to assist Linda with the door and phones. Lourdes will be working from 1:30pm to 5:30pm. In addition to receptionist duties she will also work as an administrative assistant to the RCIA program doing data entry.
    - Father Brandon also mentioned that plans are in the works to install some sort of remote device to buzz open the front door when someone rings

the doorbell. Consideration is also being given to installing a "half-door" on Linda's office to reduce traffic through her office and yet allow visitors to be greeted.

- St. Anne's is welcoming the addition of Sister Sharon who is coming to us from Sonora. Sister has been ministering to the sick and dying in her home parish. Sister will be working part-time at St. Anne's helping to develop a ministry to walk families through the grief process. Sister will be working with the Legion of Mary and Pastoral Care ministries. Sister Sharon will be supported by her community and will find a place to live here in Lodi.
- It was suggested at the last Parish Ministry Petals meeting that once a week we have a weekday Mass in Spanish. The Clergy have agreed and it will be on either Tuesday or Wednesday at 5:30pm. Since participation is expected to be significant the Mass will be held in the church instead of the chapel. More information to follow.
- A request was made to install a clock in the chapel. Although a clock in the chapel itself was felt to be inappropriate, Fr. Brandon agreed to ask Tawny about the possibility of installing one somewhere in the entry way. It was also noted that the cavernous bathroom needs something to absorb sound. Putting curtains on the window and/or some sort of rug on the floor were suggested.
- Father Mario will be conducting a mission in Spanish on *"Spiritual Exercises"* followed by Mass on March 19, 20 and 21, 2012 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm in the church. No one is available to translate the mission into English this year.
- Father Brandon will be presenting a 10 week *Catholicism Series* by Father Robert Baron beginning Monday, April 16, 2012. Meeting time will be Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00pm in Dominican Hall. Videos will be used along with small group discussions. The videos will be in English with Spanish sub-titles so all are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested will need to register in advance. Registration forms will be available in the church office and online at the parish website.

Petal Ministry Report: Donna Dominguez

- Ministries Sundays will be celebrated every other month beginning in September of 2012 through September of 2013. It will be on the third Sunday of every other month. This will coincide with Name Tag Sunday and the CommUNITY Sunday.

Other questions and suggestions:

Dan asked if Father Joseph would be doing the same as last year for the Divine Mercy Sunday. Annette asked if some sort of bulletin insert could be prepared explaining the Divine Mercy Chaplet and how and when it is prayed. It would have to be done soon as the praying of the Chaplet begins on Good Friday.

Ben, Graciella, Ana, and Jose all expressed concern about making clear the reason we are leaving in silence after Mass during Lent. Father Brandon said he would email the clergy asking them to address it. Someone suggested a bulletin insert should be prepared with an explanation.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joan Cahill (in Angie Rogan's absence).