

**PARISH MINISTRY PETALS MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2014**

Fr. Brandon started the meeting with a prayer and we prayed the St. Anne's Ministry Petals Prayer together.

We then watched a short video titled "The Nativity of Luke's Gospel: A Commentary by Fr. Robert Barron.

Fr. Brandon thanked everyone for coming and for being a part of the Petal Ministries.

Fr. Brandon said that in preparing for this evening's meeting, they noticed that there were many affirmations, so they listed them on tonight's Agenda sheet for the Meeting. He asked if anyone wanted to touch on any of those already listed or if there were others they wanted to mention.

Affirmations:

Melitta Heli affirmed Fr. Xavier Manchu. Melitta was told by a patient at Lodi Memorial Hospital how grateful she was that Fr. Xavier came to see her on Christmas Day at the hospital. It meant a lot to her!

Jose Ordaz affirmed Fr. Bill McDonald. Jose said "He inspires me. He has charisma. I love the way he speaks with his heart".

Jesus Herrera affirmed the English speakers who participate at the Community Masses. He is grateful for their efforts, and hopes that the Hispanic Community will do the same.

Lydia Van Steyn affirmed Fr. Brandon for his good messages. "They are right on point!"

Pastor's Report: Fr. Brandon Ware

Fr. Brandon affirmed Fr. Mario Guarin for his two years of service at St. Anne's. Fr. Brandon shared that Fr. Mario "is joyfully serving in Tracy". Fr. Brandon also said that he is grateful to Fr. Bill McDonald for agreeing to help us during this transition period.

Fr. Brandon reported that Joanna Galindo from Catholic Charities will be doing volunteer training on January 10 from 9am to 12pm at St. Anne's Place. Fr. Brandon said that Catholic Charities is close to hiring someone so that St. Anne's Place can be open daily.

Fr. Brandon said that fundraising for the Plaza has reached \$1.4 million dollars. He said that everything is moving at a good pace and that we are still planning on breaking ground on Easter Monday. Rita Ban asked "how much more money do we need?" Fr. Brandon said at this point, additional monies may allow us to choose better quality materials. He reported that the wrought-iron fence around the school (Phase I of the project) is already done. He said, "drive by and take a look!"

Fr. Brandon thanked the Liturgy Committee for the nice Advent and Christmas season - "very nice execution."

Petal Business: Donna Dominguez

Donna Dominguez then went over last month's Ideas and Issues. There were two issues: **(1)** We need more Eucharistic Ministers! Donna said "we had the Liturgy Petal Presentations in December, so this worked out great!" **(2)** Can the names of the recently deceased be included in some form at Mass? Donna said, "we are working on it."

Donna spoke about bulletin deadlines. She stated that there is a Bulletin Submission Deadline Schedule for 2014 in tonight's packet. She reminded everyone that information needs to be turned in 11 days (two Thursdays) before the Sunday bulletin distribution date. She asked that everyone please be mindful of holiday schedules.

Donna said that each Ministry will be getting their own webpage and suggested that if anyone had any information or photos that you'd like on your webpage, please send it to her. Donna reported that the Liturgy Petal did their presentation the weekend of December 15 and 16 and that they "did a fabulous job on their presentation!" Donna also reported that the presentation for the St. Anne's School Petal has been moved to January 25 and 26 to coincide with Catholic School's Week.

Announcements/Approved Handouts:

Donna then went over the Announcements/Approved Handouts for this meeting: **(1)** Visitation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the Epiphany of the Lord on Sunday, January 5 from 3-4pm in St. Anne's Church **(2)** The Daughters of Isabella will host their Open Meeting on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30pm in St. Anne's Hall **(3)** St. Anne's School will have their Annual Crab Dinner on Saturday, January 25 at 6:30pm in St. Anne's Hall **(4)** Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on Saturday, January 25. Registration form in tonight's packet.

Petal (Small Group) Discussion:

Liturgy Petal

Minutes of Petal meeting 1/2/2014

In Carmen's absence, the group meeting was facilitated by Deacon Greg and Pati. Those in attendance were: Deacon Greg, Dennis, Priscilla, Rita, Pat, Jesus and Pati.

Ministry Weekend: have not received word yet if there were any sign-ups. It was indicated that there were very few people that took advantage of the information tables. It was noted that on Sunday morning, people went to the donut tables instead of the ministry tables (maybe the donuts should be put on the ministry tables!!). Carmen noted that many of the tables were left unattended for much of the time. Pati noted that it was becoming more difficult each time to get ministers to volunteer to help at the tables.

Christmas/New Year's Masses: Holiday sign-ups for MofHC were lacking. 5:30pm Christmas Eve was the only mass that was completely covered (English masses). 8:30 & 10:30 only had 3 sign-ups each, midnight had 1 English and 2 Spanish sign-ups. New Year's Eve had 7, NYDay had 8. It is becoming more difficult to get volunteers for mass and special events. Deacon Greg indicated that Midnight Mass felt unorganized. He thinks the problem was a lack of communication among the different ministries; things just didn't flow smoothly. Carmen had indicated that there were only 4 English singers at Midnight Mass and it was a Bi-lingual mass. She felt that they "massacred" the Spanish songs. Jesus said he was there and they did a fine job and sang beautifully. A shout-out to Carmen for joining the choir last minute.

Jesus said he does not get any feed-back from the Spanish music leaders and also has a hard time finding volunteers (ie: Midnight Mass).

Dennis said he will be holding a mandatory meeting for all choir members in the near future.

Ministers of Holy Communion: Pati indicated that there are only 56 MofHC left on the list of regular servers. There are a few on the 'sub only' list. We are in dire need of more ministers but people are not responsive when asked. Deacon Greg says to just keep trying. A discussion was held indicating that a possible reason is that the ministers are 'tired' of serving every weekend at some masses due to the small number of ministers (10:30am & 6:00pm). It was suggested that more education may be needed so that people realize that if there are more ministers, you would not be serving each weekend. It was also mentioned that ministers should realize that this is not a 'life sentence'. Deacon Greg indicated that he is planning a day for Commissioning and education for the MofHC but does not have a date yet.

MofHC issues: after the 5:30pm mass on 12/21/13 seven people indicated that something needs to be done about the distribution of Holy Communion to the choir members. The choir should not be holding up communion by continuing to sing after all the congregation has received. This causes uncertainty to the ministers as some leave, some stay, but none are sure of what to do; affects the priest putting away the hosts too early or having to wait; affects the congregation by not being able to sit until choir is done; draws attention away from the Eucharist; choir enhances praise but should not be the center of attention. Dennis states this will be discussed at his upcoming meeting and a procedure will be put in place for all choirs.

Bi-lingual masses: a brief discussion was held as to there may be too many bi-lingual masses. There is a lot of preparation/coordination needed for the bi-lingual masses and maybe there can be 'fewer but better'.

The first planning meeting for Lent will be on Tuesday, Jan 28, 2014 at 6:30pm at Carmen's house, 401 W. Oak St.

Items to be presented to the Ministry Team:

- 1) Define procedure for distribution of Holy Communion to choir members to ensure smooth distribution to all.
- 2) Review bi-lingual selected masses – maybe "fewer but better" to allow more preparation time.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Petal Reports - January 2014

Adult Faith Formation

"33 Days to Morning Glory" completed with approximately 50 people being consecrated on December 9.

The Good News People will be starting up again in mid-February. A Lenten event is in the planning stages.

Estudios Biblicos

No report this month. (Please see "Faith Formation Issues for Ministry Team" at the end of this report.)

Estudios Teologia

No report this month. (Please see "Faith Formation Issues for Ministry Team" at the end of this report.)

Grupo de Oracion Carismatico

- We had our Charismatic Congress on November 16th and 17th and about 4,500 people went to it. Our prayer group from St Anne's was in charge of doing all the signs for the different ministries. Everything went great! God is good and He is merciful with His people .
 - ∴ We had our charismatic Christmas and our prayer group was in charge of coordinating it and it was beautiful and a huge success. St Anne's prayer group got good compliments from the people that went. Yay, St. Anne's prayer group!
- ∴ We will be having our annual Women's Retreat on February 15t and 2nd and we would like to know if we could put the information in the bulletin in the section of Faith Formation and have it announced by the commentator. More information on this event to follow .
 - ∴ We will have a Life in the Spirit Retreat for Teens on February 15th and 16th
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- More information to follow.
- ∴ We have a calendar of all our events for the year. Would it be okay if we give a copy of it to the office so that when someone calls and needs help in Spanish they can be referred to one of the different retreats that we have to offer?
- All of our prograded events are in Spanish and are accomplished with the help of all the different Charismatic Prayer Groups in the Diocese of Stockton.

Baptismal Preparation (English)

This group has new coordinators, John and Darlene Machado.

Marriage Preparation

No report this month.

Religious Education

- Classes resume next week, January 7.
- January 11 Diocesan Confirmation Retreat for Sponsor and Parents, St. Anthony Parish, Hughson, California (in English).

- January 25 Diocesan Confirmation Retreat for Sponsor and Parents, St. Anthony Parish, Hughson, California (in Spanish).
- Christmas gift of Faith Tree for Confirmation Second year student Retreats -
- We have collected over \$ 2,000.
- January IS, 1st year Confirmation, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Second grads reconciliation will be held on January 22.

R.C.I.A.

No report this month.

Rosary Makers (December and January)

Completed Projects (S90 total):

- 10 single-decade wire rosaries for new members of Daughters of Isabella.
- (Melita Heli)
- 6 wire rosaries for priests.
- 22 cord rosaries for second-year Religious Education class. (M. Sanchez)
- 42 cord rosaries donated to the Legion of Mary. (Trudy)
- 52 Pro-Life rosaries for Walk for Life. (Lydia Van Steyn)
- 100 Right-to-Life single-decade wire rosaries for Walk for Life. (L. Sanchez)
- 50 cord rosaries for distribution in El Salvador. (Jenny)
- 200 World Mission cord rosaries for Religious Education. (Sr. Isabel)
- 100 cord rosaries for YLI. (Emily)
- 200 Military cord rosaries for Support the Troops, Lodi. (Joretta)
- 100 cord rosaries for Prison Ministries. (Deacon Karl)
- 8 wire rosaries for priests.
- Current Projects (725 total):
- 400 cord rosaries for Legion of Mary. (R. Paler)
- 25 wire rosaries for First Holy Communion.
- 200 cord rosaries for YLI. (Emily)
- 100 cord rosaries for Legion of Mary.

Seeds of Faith

No report this month.

Visitation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on Sunday, with adoration taking place from 3-4 pm.

There is a need for additional Adorers for the following days/times:

Tuesdays 1-2 pm; Wednesdays 3-4 pm; Thursdays 4-5 pm; Friday afternoons 2-5 pm.

Faith Formation Issues for Ministry Team

Estudios Biblicos, Estudios Teologia, and Grupo de Oracion Carismatico:

1. Due to the large number of Spanish-speaking parishioners who go to confession, they are requesting another time for confession during the week. The line is long and sometimes only 5 people will get through.
2. During our discussion it was brought up that some parishioners are going for spiritual counseling as well as confession. Can an explanation be put in the bulletin that Confession is for the confession of sins, not necessarily for spiritual counseling? If spiritual counseling is needed, a meeting should be arranged with the priest.
3. Another suggestion was that a parish-wide survey be taken of a preferred time for confession. That way the possible additional time would be at times that the Confessors would utilize the new time.
4. During a Mass recently, Fr. Bill asked how many knew about St. Vincent de Paul. The response was minimal. Estudios Teologia would like Fr. Bill to offer additional faith formation classes and encourage taking additional studies. Dawn and Cheri were very encouraged by this request and will work with these Ministries to develop additional opportunities for the Spanish-speaking parishioners.

St. Anne's School

School discussion:

- On Saturday December 7th the band and members of the school choir played and sang at various location in downtown Lodi
- The band and the school choir played and sang at the Loell Center on December 10th
- Students in grades 4-8 participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 10th
- 6-7-8 students participated in Annie's Angels at the Salvation Army Center on December 11th
- Students celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a prayer service and a fiesta lunch served in the Panther Café on December 12th
- Christmas Pageant was held on December 19th
- Students celebrated a Christmas Prayer Service on December 19th and Santa Claus visited grades K-4 and students received a candy cane and a small gift from the school.
- The iron fence around the school has been completed by Mr. David Dentoni
- Classes resumed on January 6th

- Students in Annie's Angels served dinner at the Salvation Army Shelter on January 8th

Acclamations:

Thanks to Tony Moreno and Porfi Cisneros for presiding at our prayer services during December.

Thanks to the priests for providing an opportunity to our students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during December.

Thanks to Father Brandon for wonderful Christmas Luncheon on December 13th.

Steam-blowers:

None

Request:

February 3rd , a Monday, is the Feast of St. Blaise. The ordo states that parishes can do the Blessing of Throats at the Sunday Masses. Are we doing that or can the school have a Prayer Service at which the students may have their throats blessed?

Youth & Young Adult

Youth and Young Adult Petal Meeting Notes

January 2, 2014

Present: David Sandler (LT), Ginger Perez (EDGE), Armando Moreno (CYO),
Tony Moreno (Ministry Team)

Guests: none

Absent: Amigos de Jesus, Young Adult Ministry

Quick Ministry Check-In/Petal Discussion:

- Amigos de Jesus - n/a
- Young Adults - n/a
- CYO - Experiencing some frustration with calendaring and communication of hall availability. Spent a good amount of time discussing calendar meetings and various schedules to help with communication.
- Life Teen - Life Nights are returning after a two week break for Christmas and New Year's. The group is looking at where we could possibly go to recruit more high school age teens into the program.
- Edge - EDGE nights are returning after a two week break for Christmas and New Year's. The retreat on January 18th will be a great opportunity to work on recruiting new 7th graders. Maybe a good time to return and visit 8th grade classrooms.
- General - n/a
- Upcoming events: 7th Grade Confirmation 1 retreat (Jan. 18th); Walk for Life West Coast (Jan. 25th); Dance-a-thon (Feb 8th); High School Retreats (Feb 21st-23rd and Feb 28th-Mar 2nd)

Discussion:

- See CYO above.

ISSUES FOR THE MINISTRY TEAM:

- CYO is experiencing frustrations with calendaring and communication issues. Is there anything that can be done to resolve this?
- Is there a way to ensure that Walk for Life and SAS Crab Feed are not held on the same day next year? There were some disappointments expressed about them being the same day this year.

Social Justice Petal

SOCIAL JUSTICE PETAL NOTES

1/7/13

ST VINCENT:

Father Bill spoke at the Spanish masses about the St. Vincent second collection. He discovered that most do not know what the collection is for or even what St. Vincent does.

Many, many people are barely living on the edge and he feels if the purpose of St. Vincent is better communicated the collection would be much more successful.

HOME VISITS: (Sister Sharon):

Need more people to help for visitation.

NOTED from Sister:

Cherokee Memorial is putting on several seminars concerning being prepared for what to do for a funeral. The seminars will be at Richmaid Restaurant on January 6,7 and 15 from 11:00am-12:30 pm. .

Asera Hospice is hosting an eight week long bereavement support group at the end of February. Watch church bulletin for details.

RESPECT LIFE:

Encouraging everyone to participate in the WALK FOR LIFE by attending the walk or becoming a prayer partner (warrior). Please promote to your friends.

PASTORAL CARE:

This group visits homes, hospitals and convalescent hospitals. Forms are available for prospective volunteers from Sister Sharon.

PARISH NURSE:

The current need is to find a solution for discarding medications. (Old or unused)

FOR MINISTRY TEAM:

How can the parishioners at large be informed about the use of St. Vincent funds from their second collections. Informed parishioners could increase the collection amount.

Flower (Large Group) Discussion:

Final Announcements: Donna Dominguez

Donna requested that any issues that your Petal wants to bring to the Ministry Team be emailed to her by Monday, January 6.

Donna reminded everyone to please communicate with your Ministry! She thanked the Catholic Fellowship Petal for providing the refreshments for tonight's meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6. The Faith Formation Petal is scheduled to bring the refreshment for that meeting.

Fr. Brandon thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Fr. Brandon then closed the meeting with a prayer.