

PARISH MINISTRY PETALS MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

Donna welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the pastoral year.

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

Fr. Brandon said "there are many new faces here today". He then gave a short "run down" of what the Petal does and how it works. He shared how the idea of the Petal started, and what the purpose of the Petal is. He continued by saying that the purpose of the Petal is that every month, the Petal Representatives come together and Fr. Brandon lets them know what is happening in the Parish. The representatives should then, in turn, pass on this information to everyone in their Ministry. Fr. Brandon said that we are here to balance and give support to all the groups to benefit the whole parish community. Fr. Brandon said that he is grateful to all those here for their commitment to the parish community.

Donna Dominguez then introduced herself and she spoke about the Contact Information Sheet that was part of tonight's packet that everyone received. She went over the dates of the Petal Meetings and she explained about the different petals taking turns providing the refreshments for the meetings. Donna went over the Flow of Information sheet and the Flow of Ideas sheet and explained how they work. She asked that everyone please respect the Contact Information and use it for Petal business only.

Donna went over who the Petal Liaisons are and spoke on how the ministries were divided into each Petal. She reported that we started with 46 ministries and we now have 50 ministries!

Donna then went over the Meeting Agenda, and she spoke about the "Things To Do Before The Meeting" sheet. She reminded everyone to please send your topics for discussion out to all of your Petals so that you are not spending your time discussing issues that should have been discussed previously.

Affirmations:

(a) Marie Grady affirmed the St. Anne's Fest "It was a wonderful event". She also affirmed the Priest Appreciation Dinner.

(b) Rita Ban affirmed the Day of Reflection. "Beautiful - thanks to everyone who put it on."

(c) Tony Moreno affirmed the Knights of Columbus for the Pancake Breakfast. Tony said it turned out nice, and he really appreciates their efforts. The breakfast raised almost \$1100.00 for Miles Edens and Esther Vargas who are currently on NET (National Evangelization Team).

(d) Sr. Azucena Espinoza affirmed the Ministry Team members and the volunteers who helped at the registrations for Religious Education. "Thanks to them all".

(e) Dennis Taricco affirmed Gary & Jenny Kettelman who power-washed the playground and the areas around the school.

(f) Lydia Van Steyn affirmed the Altar Servers. "They do a great job! Thanks to the person who trains them".

(g) Dennis Taricco affirmed the St. Anne's Fest.

Donna reminded everyone to keep in mind all those in the parish who do wonderful things!

Pastor's Report: Fr. Brandon Ware

Fr. Brandon spoke about the new personnel who have joined our Ministry Team: Valerie Sanabia has been hired as the new part-time Communications Assistant, and Dawn Addington and Julia Baumbach are the new Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Coordinators.

Fr. Brandon stated that he wants everyone here to take back to their Petals, the Street Closure Project which will close the street between St. Anne's Church and St. Anne's School. He said that he will be doing a wide-scale effort to make this happen.

Fr. Brandon then showed a short film from Fr. Robert Barron speaking about the book "Brideshead Revisited". He spoke about how the best way to evangelize is to begin with the beautiful; as this draws you in. Fr. Barron said, "Embrace the beautiful; draw them in, and the good and the truth will follow!".

Fr. Brandon then read a prayer from Pope Francis. He said that the day that he read the prayer, it was very emotional. He said that this good news is to share; to give away. Father said "the world is full of people who do dark things; and it is our obligation to share God's good news". He said that we can do this by giving the community a place of beauty. He said "we are on the road: the Chapel is for our parishioners; and many will never see it, but if we build the Plaza, we can let the community experience God. They will experience God in this beautiful place. This is an opportunity that God has given us". He said that we have already raised 1 million dollars and that we hope to break ground on Easter Monday in 2014. Fr. Brandon asked everyone to share this idea to everyone in the community. He continued by saying that he is asking for a five-year commitment; but he appreciates any gift that we can give. He finished by saying that we have an obligation to do this: to evangelize to others in our community.

Plaza Forms: Deacon Greg Yeager

Deacon Greg went over the three forms that we should be mindful to use: **(1)** the Maintenance Request form. If you see a light bulb burned out, something that needs repair, or something that is hazardous etc., write it on the form and turn the form in to Linda in the Parish Office. **(2)** the Incident Report and **(3)** the Fundraising Proposal form (this needs to be filled out and turned in 60 days or more before the date. Donna announced that all of these forms are available on line.

St. Anne's Parish Ministry Petal Presentations: Donna Dominguez

Donna reported that we will resume the St. Anne's Parish Ministry Petal Presentations with the Faith Formation Ministries the weekend of September 14 and 15. After that, we will start the cycle again. She has scheduled all of the Petals. If you want to change your date, please let Donna know. Donna said that we will continue to have the Petal Presentations on the third Sundays to coincide with Nametag Sunday.

Announcements/Approved Handouts: Donna Dominguez

Donna then went over the announcements and approved handouts for this meeting: **(1)** Pope Francis and Bishop Stephen E. Blaire have asked for a Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in Syria this Saturday, September 7. **(2)** The Mexican-American Catholic Federation will host a Tamale Dinner this Saturday, September 7 from 5-8:30pm in St. Anne's Hall. Eat in, or take-out is available. **(3)** St. Anne's Religious Education Program is in need of Catechists. If interested, please contact the Parish Office. **(4)** 40 Days for Life sign ups are this weekend, September 7 & 8. We have been asked to fill certain time slots at Planned Parenthood on Precissi Lane in Stockton. Lydia Van Steyn is the contact person for our Parish. **(5)** Catholic Charities will begin a four-week Nutrition Workshop: "Eat Healthy, Be Active" on Monday, September 9 at 10am in the Dining Room of the Parish Office. This workshop is free and open to all. **(6)** Our Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Program will offer a program titled "Good News People". This is a parish-wide opportunity to grow in your faith, meet new people, and build a community of faith, hope and love in action. Come sign up or learn more after Mass on September 14 & 15. There will be an Open Plenary on Sunday, September 27 in St. Anne's Hall from 7:15-9:15pm. Steve and Sherenna Gori are the parish contacts for this program. **(7)** Tour of Historic San Francisco Churches on Saturday, October 12. Past reviews say that this tour is enjoyable for all ages and people with many different interests. Contact Jack or Marianne Karver for more information.

Petal (Small Group) Discussion:

Before we broke into our small groups, Donna reminded everyone to please choose a Petal Chairperson and a Secretary for your group. She also asked them to discuss what is

happening in their ministry and that they should discuss any issue that they want to bring up to the Ministry Team at next week's meeting.

Social Justice Petal

9/4/13

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

St. Vincent's monthly collections are collected the 5th Sunday of the month(if there is one), therefore, funds are limited. Can only help few families a month with about \$100 each.

The Salvation Army is hosting a Trunk or Treat and candy donations are needed. Could we possibly ask each Petal member to bring a bag of candy to the next petal meeting?

The collection of items requested monthly has poor response. Can an oral announcement be made the week before from the pulpit – possibly even the priests could announce.

RESPECT LIFE:

There is an ongoing activity of praying at the Planned Parenthood facility(on Precissi Lane) in Stockton every Monday from 7am to 7pm.

In October there will be another Public Square Rosary on Saturday, October 12 at Noon. Still researching a location.

ITEM FOR MINISTRY TEAM:

Can oral announcements describing St. Vincent's monetary and/or monthly item collection needs be made from the pulpit the week before the collection? Describe the item being collected and where to deposit it.

Liturgy Petal

Welcome Pat Merck (Arts & Environment Representative) to the Liturgy Petal.

Carmen reminded that our next Ministry Presentation in the Church for the Liturgy Petal is the weekend of Nov 16-17 2013. No one had issues with that date. All masses will need to be covered. The parish would like to keep the 3rd weekend of the month as it will coincide with Name Tag Sunday.

There will be a liturgy meeting to start planning Thanksgiving and Advent season and Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on Tuesday October 8th at 6:30pm at Carmen's house.

The Music Ministry will be introducing a new mass in the fall – Mass of Communion. The youth and young adult singers will be recruited from both the English and Spanish Communities

A Children's Choir will also begin mid-Fall. They will meet on Wednesdays 5:15 to 6:30pm. The children will learn to sing and accompany themselves on recently purchased Orff Instruments. Religious Education will help with recruitment.

A reminder that the Stockton Ministry Day is October 26th. Music Ministers and all Liturgy Ministers should attend. For more information see the bulletin or the parish office.

Carlos brought up the need to get the Spanish youth involved as Ushers and Greeters. Fr Bill affirmed that this is a good idea as long as they wear appropriate attire for church. Carlos and Ofelia will place in the bulletin.

The issue regarding altar servers was addressed. The altar servers are required to find a replacement if they are not going to make their scheduled mass. Many times the Sacristan must find someone in the congregation. Peter stated that Christine sends out a reminder every week. There are several altar servers in one family that will take a mass. If the whole family has plans, there is no replacement. It was discussed that the parents need to also be responsible and show an example by helping the altar server find a replacement. Also shorts and

flip flops are prohibited and this needs to be addressed to the parents that appropriate attire should be worn when you are an altar server and also when attending church in case you are called to serve. It was also suggested that there could be some incentives for the altar servers. Perhaps earning points for movie tickets or other gift certificates. Also an end of year barbeque or a retreat / field trip.

Next Parish Petal meeting is Oct 3rd.

There are no issues to present to the ministry team.

Youth & Young Adult Petal

Thursday, September 5, 2013

Petal check-in:

We discussed candidates to serve as Petal Reps from our three groups: Life Teen, Edge & Young Adults. Potential candidates and alternates were identified and will be asked within the coming week.

Upcoming Events:

- 9/21 – On Fire Youth Rally at Six Flags
- 10/13 – Life Teen & Edge Fall kick-off

Petal Issue for the Ministry Team:

Would like to request a weekend to speak at every Mass (during the announcements at the end) to announce kick off for both Life Teen and Edge Program. Would like to ask for the weekend October 5-6.

Flower (Large Group) Discussion:

Donna explained what happens after the small group discussion. The Secretary of each flower comes to the front and gives a small "report" of what is going on in their Petal and tells what was discussed while in their small group.

Final Announcements:

Donna reminded everyone to be sure to turn in their Issues/Items that they want to bring to the Ministry Team. She announced that the minutes from this Petal Meeting are due by Monday, September 9. Please email the minutes to Donna's email. Donna reminded everyone to be sure to keep your alternate "in the loop" and to communicate with your

ministries. Donna thanked the Liturgy Petal members for providing the refreshments for tonight's meeting. Donna reported that the next Petal Meeting will be on Thursday, October 3. The Social Justice Petal will provide the refreshments for that meeting. Donna told the petal representatives to be sure to ask the previous representative for the Parish Ministry Petals Binder. If for some reason they don't have it, or can't find it, let Donna know and she will get a new one for you.

Fr. Brandon then thanked everyone for saying "yes" to being part of the Petal Ministry. He said that he knows that this is a lot of work, and he is grateful for each and every one of us.

Fr. Brandon then closed the meeting with a prayer.