

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 2, 2013

Steve Brezny presented his findings on companies that publish parish directories. The Parish Pastoral Council approved his proceeding with scheduling photo sessions in February or March.

The Advent Giving Tree program is committed to providing gifts for 500 families through the parish, Columbus Home Health Care, and Catholic Social Services. The hilltop churches children's program has been cancelled so instead St. Cecilia will provide assistance to parish families who are in need. The pastor, school principal, and director of religious education will identify these families and keep the information confidential. Two trees will be placed in the Gathering Space November 23 and 24.

The Knights of Columbus will host a breakfast on October 6 to support their sponsorship of seminarians. The Blood Drive continues to be a success, with some donors returning for each drive.

St. Cecilia had over 40 participants in the Friends of the Poor Walk on September 28. The parish will need coordinator for its 2014 event. The St. Vincent dePaul Society Adopt-a-Turkey program will run all weekends in October so all parishioners will have the opportunity to contribute. The Fifth Sunday collection on September 28 and 29 amounted to almost \$2,000.

The Religious Education Report included the status and progress in PSR, RCIA, sacramental preparation for children as well as adult Confirmation preparation, children's Liturgy of the Word, and adult Bible Study.

The concluding festival planning meeting is scheduled for October 30. The main topic of discussion will be the results of this fund-raising event which will be reported in the Sunday bulletin.

The School Advisory Board discussed Curriculum Night at its meeting on September 11: The event went smoothly. There was not a large turn-out for the elementary grades, but was great for the middle school grades. More direction needs to be given to the school paperwork packets, and the principal noted this for attention next year. Several ideas were discussed for increasing enrollment through involvement with the preschool.

The West Deanery heard reports on the Catholic Charities Awareness Campaign: Care Enough to Act; presentations by the Bishop on the documents of Vatican II, the priests convocation. The Run the Race social services organization has a new building at 8805 Wayne Avenue in Columbus.

Fr. Connolly reported on the priests convocation, the parish's Senior Day on September, and Catholic Schools Week. He has met with a parishioner about services to the Hispanic community. The floor in the church will be cleaned October 7-8 and Mass will be celebrated in Meeting Rooms A and B on those days. He commented on the recent interview by Pope Francis published in the Italian Jesuit journal.

Council members commented on the book *rebuilt*, particularly through Part I. Michael Case has created a blog to facilitate communication between meetings.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be **Wednesday, November 6.**