

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
St. Cecilia Church
January 8, 2014**

Sign-ups for photos for the parish pictorial directory begin this weekend (January 11); more volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheets may be left in the sacristy between Masses to alleviate concerns about confidentiality of contact information. Instructions and sign-up forms have been submitted to the parish webmaster. Materials will be inserted in the parish bulletins on two Sundays; January 11/12, being the first. Steve Brezny will coordinate arrangements for pictures of parish groups.

A sign was placed at the corner of Norton Road and Sullivant Avenue listing the times of Christmas Masses. It can be used in future years, also.

Straders donated poinsettias which were shared with other parishes and nursing homes.

Our total commitment for the Giving Tree program was 422 gifts: Catholic Social Services – 250; Columbus Healthcare Center – 88; St. Cecilia parishioners – 84. Of the 422 gifts; 9 tags were not taken and 13 tags were taken but gifts were not returned. These 22 gifts were then purchased before the pick-up date so all requests were filled.

The celebration of the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the present church was discussed.

Representatives reported on the status of sacramental preparation programs, including RCIA; the School Advisory Board, parish festival planning meetings; Knights of Columbus events; prison ministry. The West Deanery has not met since the last Parish Pastoral Council meeting.

The St. Vincent dePaul Society collection of coats and candles is scheduled for January 11/12. A local restaurant has donated food which was unsold during the cold weather; the Society will arrange for its distribution.

There was a good attendance for the assembly of the food baskets for the needy, but the number of drivers to distribute them was low, necessitating several trips by some drivers.

About 250 meals were served at the fundraiser for the Filipinos affected by the typhoon. The money has been sent to the Philippines.

There was a good attendance from St. Cecilia at the combined parish Penance Service held at St. Mary Magdalene Church, although the total attendance was not large. The combined service will be held at St. Cecilia Church during Lent, but the date has not been set.

The Columbus Foundation will sponsor a talk by the authors of *rebuilt*, but the date has not been determined. Several parishes are following some of the practices in this book.

Attendance at Christmas Masses was good. It appears that the schedule St. Cecilia follows works well.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be **Wednesday, February 5, 2014.**