

## **St. Martin de Porres Council Meeting November 17, 2011**

- The meeting was opened with a prayer by Deacon Frank at 7:30 P.M.

- Announcements:

- There is no meeting in December.
- January s meeting is a social.

- Fr. Matthew Ernest s notes on the new missal will be posted.

1. Monsignor Sullivan asked Judy Marcus to explain Msgr. Bellew s comments at the lay vicariate meeting she attended. J.M. stated that the consensus was that there was enough going on in the parishes. There were 20-23 parishes represented. People stated that the best way to handle faith enrichment is through the Discovering Christ Program. J.M. responded to the second question. People need to be advised as to what is happening and where the money is needed.. Various parishes use tithing and some use online payments. J.M. stated that it was a very good meeting.

2. Monsignor Sullivan opened up a discussion about life long faith formation and asked for contributions from the council. D. Hung asked "What is evangelization ?" We need to evangelize by using the technical resources we have to reach every age group in the parish. It s hard to expect people to come to everything. Make use of the media. D. Salomone commented that he had presented at one of the Loft Program s and found the activities especially suited to young families. Again the question is how do we get people to come. Carolyn stated that "We are missing the boat on the media! Younger parishioners are computer savvy and we need to be dynamic and provided meaningful information. E. Farina stated that: "the Vicariate website could be used with links. "

3. Monsignor Sullivan remarked that as a parish we need to be transparent. Parish Council Meeting Minutes need to be posted and at best put on the website. He further stated that Canon Law requires a parish financial committee.

4. On Sunday P. Stafford and other members from the Financial Council will speak at the end of each Mass concerning the financial stability of the parish. P.S. read the script to the council and noted the highlights. P.S. commented that "How money is managed is important. "

### **ROUNDTABLE:**

1. M. Schade thanked the members of the Youth Groups for help at the Coffee Hour.
2. D. Salomone stated that eight people were in the Bereavement Group.

3. D. Hogan state that things were moving along with the shut-ins.
4. J. Marcus alerted the council to the Dec. 3. presentation at St. Mary s.'
5. D. Nash stated that he continues to visit patients at both hospitals.

Representing the K of C, Deacon Dave stated the Knights had contributed \$500.00 to the Food Bank. The Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Dec. 6 at 6:30 P.M. followed by the lighting of the Nativity. All are asked to bring an unwrapped toy that will be dispensed to children in the area hospitals over the holiday. He gave a heads-up on two future activities. Mark your calendars for Mar.10- St. Patrick s/St. Joseph s Dance and Apr. 3-bus to the Chrism Mass at St. Patrick s Cathedral.

6. M. Schade stated that the Social Committee will host the coffee with Santa on Dec.4.
7. J.Hourani enthusiastically alerted the council to the upcoming school presentations. For the holidays. In April the school children will present ANNIE.
8. V. Brown described the upcoming activities for the seniors which include Defensive Driving, a Christmas Party, Bowling and The Little Banjo Band. Msgr. Sullivan applauded the work that Val does with the group.
9. C. Neisser (for A. Constantinople) asked for volunteers to work at the Lunch Box. She noted the date of the Ecumenical gathering on Jan.22.
10. Carolyn commented on the activities of the Children s Ministry.
11. E. Farina stated that Confirmation went smoothly. There will be an informational meeting for parents of this year s class on Nov. 8.
12. J. McGuirk (Religious Education) mentioned that our numbers are up a few from last year. LOFT held it's first event on 11/5/11. We had 55 families and about 200 people attend. The theme was on the changes of the Mass. Our next LOFT will be 1/21/12 and we will focus again on the Mass changes, specifically the Liturgy of the Word.
13. Msgr. Sullivan advised the council that K. Leahy was at SMDS Parent conferences.

The meeting concluded a 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.  
Louise Nash  
Acting Secretary