

**In Attendance:** Fr. Jim Benz, Deacon Mark McCarthy, Ann Ficken, Celeste Leuck, Mike Mohrmann, Lynn Owen, Donna Pundmann, Al Rothermich, Tony Scoggin, Laurie Steinkamp, Chris Unterreiner, Deb Young  
**Excused:** Mary Bryne, Dan Pelikan

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Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with Evening Prayer. Minutes of the May 27 meeting were approved as submitted.

## **Formation – Evangelii Gaudium**

The consensus among the group is that this is a “tough read”. There is a great deal of information covered in Chapter 1 and it reminds us that we should live our lives joyfully.

Al commented that a theme of the material is that we should focus on the message of the Church, and not always get caught up on specific rules and regulations.

Chris was struck by the Pope’s message that some of the old beautiful customs of the Church might be appropriate to bring back.

Celeste specifically pointed out that paragraph 47 describes how the doors of the Church should be open to all and that the door to the sacraments should also be open to all. We should not be “arbiters” of the sacraments.

Father Jim shared that the Pope wants the Church to be “bruised and dirty” due to being out with the people.

Upon being asked, there was a lengthy discussion about how Father Benz and Deacon McCarthy handle situations where the Church teaching says a sacrament should not be given, but a person wishes to receive it. The specific example of recent publicity regarding denying communion to certain politicians was discussed. Father Benz shared that he tends to leave it up to the individual to make his/her decision before God and not withhold the sacrament. Deacon McCarthy agreed with that approach.

Called and Gifted/Making Disciples seminar discussion: Mary shared via email that the “Called and Gifted” Seminar will be held on September 5/6 in the Archdiocese.

## **SWOT Committee Update**

- Group 1 – The meeting with Bill Matula scheduled for June 8 was canceled and is being rescheduled.
- Group 2 – One parish has responded positively to the original request for a cooperative meeting, and had suggestions for moving the concept forward. Chris and Celeste will meet with representatives from that parish to determine possible next steps.
- Group 3 – Continuing to encourage attendance at First Saturday Mass each month. The next is on July 5.
- Group 4 – The Respect Life Apostolate will be recognizing couples celebrating milestone anniversaries on November 2. A reception in the parish hall will be held afterwards to provide a social opportunity.

An update from each group will occur at the next meeting.

## **St. Cletus 50th Anniversary Celebration**

- The next meeting is on July 9.
- The focus is currently on four main events:
  - Saturday evening “homecoming” that would include light snacks and beer/soda. All past priests from the parish will be invited to attend.
  - A Lenten season parish mission
  - September 2 – Mass with the Archbishop followed by a reception
  - Final event – TBD
- Some other minor events will also be taking place.
- A new pictorial directory will be put together with a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme.
- Archdiocese will be doing an “Alive in Christ” capital campaign which will include some of the funds coming back to the donating parish. Father would like to tie it into our anniversary celebration.
- Father Jim has information on a “spiritual capital campaign” to encourage more active parish participation.
- Celeste will be leading an effort for a pictorial history of the parish. The committee will be asking for pictures from parishioners to be included in the book.
- It was noted that March 26, 2015, will be Msgr. Hicel’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination and we should plan a celebration for him to recognize that milestone.

### Pastor's Time

- Father distributed minutes from the most recent Stewardship Committee, School Board, and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meetings.
- The enrollment trends at the school were discussed. It is anticipated that there will be up to 215 students at St. Cletus for the coming school year, down from 230 this past year. There will be one homeroom for each grade, except for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, which will each have two.
- The Stewardship Committee wants each ministry coordinator to take copies of their tri-folds to get them members to hand them out to share information about the ministries.
- Stewardship renewal week-ends are September 27/28 and October 4/5. Mike Eisenbath and Kathy Huebner will be the witnesses at Masses those week-ends.
- Deb shared that the Media Center at the Archdiocese is now open to anyone to borrow materials at no charge, except for the return postage. Information can be found at <http://stlouisreview.com/rrO>.

*Next Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 28,** 2014 at 7:00.*