St. Christopher Parish Pastoral Minutes

September 20, 2011

Minutes – The previous minutes from May 17, 2011, were approved. They will be published on the website.

Psalms – In place of praying the Psalms in our opening prayers we had the opportunity to review the New Text for the People in the Revised Roman Missal which will take place beginning November 27, the First Sunday in Advent. The purpose of doing this is to become more familiar with the changes in the verbiage. We prayed the new Gloria at our September 20 meeting. We received a copy of the Present Text for People together with the New Text for People next to it in order to determine the changes more easily. A discussion followed this as we compared the writings.

Parish Pastoral Council Officers for 2011-2012 are as follows: Karl Kuhn, Chair; Mary Horvath, Vice Chair; Joan Learner, Secretary.

December Meeting – Will be held on December 20, 2011, at the Rectory. The invitation to meet there with spouses for a social was extended by Father John.

New Recruitment – We will possibly be recruiting new members for Parish Pastoral Council in the fall of 2012. One individual did express an interest last fall and that person may join Council this year following a meeting with Mary Horvath to determine interest.

Parish Block Party – It was agreed that in addition to a beautiful day, we were fortunate to have 93 volunteers to help us that day. We thank everyone who helped to make the Block Party a success. The
wrist bands worked well. A few minor suggestions for improvement, including the oversight of restrooms, were made and can be easily implemented. Next year’s date for the Block Party will be Saturday, August 25.

**Parish Updates** – Saint Christopher School now has 470 students after ending the prior year with 486 students. There are a variety of reasons for this. PTU has reconstructed their committee. They are known as the PATHS Committee (Parents and Teachers Helping Students). Anyone who has any questions may talk directly with Father John. PSR presently has 550 students who attend classes.

St. Christopher will celebrate their 90th anniversary next year -2012- and we need to be thinking about ways to celebrate this event.

The gym is open for games. The storage areas are completed. Changing rooms will be created by eliminating the kitchen and reducing the size of the bathrooms. Hopefully all changes will be completed by the end of October. The website is up: stchrisparish.com (all small letters).

**West Side Catholic Center Award** – St. Christopher will receive the “Sr. Kathleen Kilbane, CSJ “Walk in Faith Award” for our support. Vince Hvizda from St. Christopher will be the recipient of the “Giving Hope Award” for his work with the Center.

**Retreat for Seniors** - The retreat for those 65 years and over will be held on four consecutive Wednesdays in October, October 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

Our next meeting will be Tues., Oct. 18. From 7:00 – 8:30. The meeting was closed with prayer.