

PPC/PFC December 8, 2016 Meeting

In attendance: Fr. Vinnie, Jim Spoto, Joe Green, Miguel Villanueva, Chuck Ahern, Paddy Favazza, Claire Ramsbottom, John Glancy, Kate Mason, Joe Watson, Theresa Coda, AnneMarie Dion, Edward Poole, Mark Dudziak

Christian Neilsen from RCAB Office of Parish Development came to speak about increasing OLOS's offertory and ways this can be accomplished.

- Christian offered a presentation on the current offertory program and ways that we can rethink it in order to increase giving (printed powerpoint presentation he shared has many details)
 - Face to face asks always have more success than mail/bulletin/e-mail asks
 - Creating a development committee is a first step
 - Engaging laity in the leadership of a development program is necessary
 - Development committee is tasked with deciding the way to proceed in making asks (i.e. making individual asks one-on-one, making small group asks)
 - The ask is for a commitment to the parish, not necessarily for a dollar amount (i.e. they think they are giving 52 weeks a year, but because of vacation/snow/etc. it may only be 40 weeks)
- Office of Parish Development/Christian will help us convene a committee and discuss the areas that can be improved upon in terms of our offertory
- A conversation was had about when to form the development committee and how to tie it in with the development of our pastoral plan in the coming year, as well as how to time this with the grand annual. No conclusion was made.
- Christian welcomes conversation and included his contact information on the presentation slide notes (617-779-3747). People should feel free to communicate with him.

Update on staff replacements:

- We have a complete staff now and Teresa and AnneMarie offered a summary of the

changes made to positions; Teresa, as Director of Faith Formation (DFF), will oversee the entire faith formation program and will implement the high school and adult faith formation, as well as the service program; AnneMarie will implement the PreK-5 grade faith formation program and work with Fr. Vinnie to coordinate the middle school faith formation and social programming

Grand annual update:

- 125 parishioners have given \$43,180 as of today; the goal is \$119,000
- Each of our current donors would need to give approximately \$340 to get to this number
- We need to remind people that Christmas is on a Sunday and that money collected on Sunday does not go to the parish; it goes to the Archdiocese.

- Lynn will include in the e-mail newsletter a reminder that the Christmas collection goes to the clergy benefit fund; she will write a blurb and run it by the PFC; this will also be included in the bulletin

We are still down one PPC member.

Upcoming Activities/Christmas:

- We are kicking off a Children's choir for the 5p.m. Mass
- Kathy Hawes and a committee will be decorating the church and façade of the church
- Christian Services Commission and Faith Formation Service Program have had success with collecting gifts via the giving tree

All other business

- At our January meeting we will begin discussing the take aways from the Meeting with the RCAP Clergy Personnel Board, namely groups/people we should be ministering to more broadly
- We will also discuss forming a welcoming committee and a social committee