

## Renewing the Church in Manville

Discernment Team Meeting February 27, 2012

Attendees: Msgr. Joe Celano (Episcopal Vicar of Somerset County), Fr. Stan Slaby, C.Ss.R ( Pastor of Christ the King and Sacred Heart parishes), Deacon Tom Giacobbe (Christ the King), Deacon Bill Stefany (Sacred Heart), Kathy Tartaglione (Christ the King), Dolores Finlan (Christ the King), Joseph Ketusky (Sacred Heart), Lucy Jaime (Sacred Heart), Angelo Corradino (Christ the King), Philip Strollo (Christ the King), Joseph Gazo (Sacred Heart), Peter Lachac (Christ the King), Jeff Korgen (Exec. Dir. Dept of Diocesan Planning), Kristen Silowka (Exec. Asst. Dept of Diocesan Planning)

Absent: Stanley Jasinski (Sacred Heart), Mark Peltack (Sacred Heart).

Severe Weather Event Plan: The Discernment Team discussed a proposal for a policy to be followed in the event of a flood that would render Christ the King unusable before the Discernment Team has completed its work and made a recommendation to Bishop Bootkoski. Several changes were suggested and the following interim policy was adopted:

*If the Church in Manville is affected by a serious natural or human-made disaster that makes one or both churches unusable before the conclusion of the Renewing the Church Process, the following protocol will be observed:*

- *If Christ the King Church is rendered unusable, Mass is moved to Sacred Heart Church.*
- *If Sacred Heart Church is rendered unusable, Mass is moved to Christ the King Church.*
- *If both churches are rendered unusable, Mass is moved to Christ the King School.*
- *If both churches and Christ the King School are rendered unusable, the Pastor will make an announcement to the Manville community about plans for Masses while the Discernment Team completes its work.*
- *The Discernment Team will meet weekly until it concludes its work.*

Relationship-building Plan Proposal: Msgr. Celano handed out a Joint Activities Proposal that he and Fr. Stan came up with based on existing activities that both parishes currently do. He suggested that the group concentrate on 1 or 2 of these and do them well. Discussion followed and will conclude with a few priorities set at the next meeting. Potential focused events are:

- 1. The Lenten Mission (March 10-14, Preacher: Fr. Matt Allman CSSR)**
- 2. A Lenten Outdoor Stations of the cross from SH parish to CTK parish (March 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> if rains)**
- 3. 2012 Confirmation (April 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>?)**
- 4. Divine Mercy Sunday (April 15<sup>th</sup>?)** (could include a celebration at Sacred Heart cemetery by the grotto)
- 5. A Parish Picnic (May 20<sup>th</sup>)**
- 6. Pentecost Sunday (May 27<sup>th</sup>)**
- 7. Corpus Christi Procession (July 10<sup>th</sup>)**
- 8. Summer Camp (July 9-13)**
- 9. Summer Bible camp – we need to get the young people together and active.**
- 10. Altar Rosary Society doing a living Rosary**
- 11. Create a joint choir and/or teen choir and alternate singing at both churches**
- 12. Have children's prayer/praise activities**
- 13. Have an ethnic covered dish supper and invite all Manville Catholics**
- 14. Work together on a joint service project**

15. Have a walk/Day of Prayer for Unity
16. Develop a Unity Committee to teach people (catechize) about the Renewing the Church process.
17. Create a Caritas Committee
18. Create a Lazarus Society. Currently neither parish has one.
19. Broaden "60+" events to include both parishes.

Each of these ideas seems to fall in one of the following categories:

1. Catechesis
2. Service
3. Community Building
4. Shared Parish Ministries
5. Youth/children activities
6. Shared Prayer

Other points noted:

- Announcements should be made in both parishes that no matter which worship site you attend, you should bring your envelope and it will be counted with your parish.
- The message of Unity needs to be incorporated in the homilies.

***The next meeting will be Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the CTK and SH parish office conference room.***

**Homework for next meeting:**

1. Read the Bishop's Pastoral letter – *The Family You Have Gathered*.
2. Put together a list of all parish ministries currently existing at each parish (Fr. Stan will appoint a delegate from each parish to head this).