

**Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary
Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 13, 2016**

APPROVED August 8, 2016

Members Present: Father Marcel, Alice Lujan, Barbara Kuchler, Deacon Ed, Joe Gallegos, Luis Fong, Mary Fragoso, Rose Marie Fierro

Members Absent: Father Bill, Ed Torres, Jan McClure, Juliette Vigil, Marta Rivera, Oscar Vargas, Pixie Apodaca, Veronica Ontiveros

Joe Gallegos, representing President Ed Torres for this meeting, called the meeting to order at 7:03.

Father Marcel offered our opening prayer

Joe read the gospel which was followed with a discussion

Minutes for the May meeting were read and approved with corrections

Old Business: Parish Registration – Dolores Archuleta gave background information about the effort to register parishioners at IHM. This was initiated quite some time ago but due to the nature of the process, has been delayed more than once. Registration of parishioners is something necessary for our Parish, and efforts to accomplish this are continuing. There is a need to update our data base of parishioners, as much of what we presently have is out dated, (names of individuals who have moved away, passed on, etc., are currently listed and must be purged).

Additionally, updating information of parishioners presently registered to reflect current addresses, e-mail information, and other pertinent information is also needed. Inviting individuals and families to register for the first time is important; this affirms their value to our Parish family. (It was noted that at many churches small cards are provided in the pews inviting interested individuals to register at their parish; this would be a positive idea for our Parish to consider for implementation.)

After a lengthy discussion on this matter, and after many suggestions on how best to get this accomplished, the Parish Council made a decision to proceed in the following manner: At our Masses on June 25th and 26th, the process will begin. Initially, a spokesperson will talk about registration and its importance from the pulpit. Along with this, a letter with similar and more explicit information will be inserted into the Parish bulletin for parishioners to read.

The following weekend, July 2nd and 3rd, and for at least two months thereafter, registration forms will be placed in the pews for parishioners to complete and return to the church or to the office. In addition, tables are to be set up in the foyer where volunteers can help individuals register after Mass if they prefer to complete the form at that time or if they would like assistance in completing the form. Parishioners interested in registering are to be assured that the information they provide is confidential.

New Business: Recycling at IHM – In recognition of Pope Francis’ call for being good stewards of the Earth, a recycling program is being developed at IHM. Presently, logistics for this venture are being developed, and further information will come in the near future.

Due to other commitments, Rose Fierro will no longer coordinate the development and service of our ‘Knights of the Altar’, (altar servers). She has excelled in preparing these young individuals to serve in this capacity. Our ‘knights’ are poised and reverent in performing their duties. Thank you SO much for your exceptional work with our youth, Rose! Lisa and Eddie Padron will now be coordinating this ministry.

Father Jarek Nowacki who had visited IHM recently with an interest in serving here, has been assigned as Parochial Administrator at St. Francis Newman Center in Silver City.

The breakfast to celebrate Msgr. Getz’s fifty fifth anniversary of priesthood was a wonderful success!! Many were present to celebrate with him at Mass and at the delicious breakfast held thereafter. Thank you to all who prepared and served the meal and decorated Finley Hall.

There will be a ‘Grand Re-opening’ of Finley Hall with its newly installed tile floor in the near future. This will be announced soon.

Father Marcel’s Corner - Father Jorge from Peru has been visiting here in Las Cruces. He will be here about one month, and he is staying at the Rectory with Father Marcel.

Our meeting adjourned at 8:30 with a prayer by Father Marcel.

Respectfully submitted by Alice Lujan, recorder