

Our Lady Help of Christian Parish
Parish Pastoral Council
January 15, 2009
7:30-9:00pm

Present: Fr. John Sassani, Anne Marie Carr-Reardon, Jen Bader, Kathy D'Agostino, Sebastian DiFelice, Dan Foley, Lisa Francis, Stephen Kern, Carole McElduff, Rosemary Seibold, Msgr. Dennis Sheehan, Michael Starr

Presiding: Anne Marie Carr-Reardon

Minutes: Lisa Francis

Opening Prayer: Fr. John Sassani

Review of minutes:

Fr. Sassani, Sebastian, Dan and Andy formed a coalition over the holidays to help meet specific requests of families in need. There was a heroic response on the part of parishioners helping these individuals. Gift cards are still coming in the weekly collection. The PPC would like to do more research on how to continue providing help to those that contact Our Lady's (i.e. hotline, Newton Food Pantry, personal giving).

Pastor's Report: Christmas services were beautiful with an increased number of parishioners over last year at each mass.

Review of 2006 Brainstorm of Themes:

The brainstorming session led by Sebastian resulted in the following themes to be explored.

- Outreach
- Building Community
- Spiritual Life
- Infrastructure
- High Quality (Liturgical Life)

Financial Report: The Grand Annual contributions are on pace to match last year's results. The weekly collections remain at a consistent \$10,000 per week. We will have a summary of the capital campaign report at our next meeting on February 12th.