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Minutes

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 9th @ 7pm

LOCATION: Board Room of Our Lady of Peace Site

Our PPC met on March 9th and discussed the following pastoral issues:

(1) Refugee Sponsorship; (2) Parish initiatives for the Year of Mercy; and (3) Parish response to Government sponsored killing.

As a note, small groups (post-Arise) will continue as a feature of our Parish life, and so will no longer be listed as an "issue"; there may be future Diocesan pastoral services that impact us, and those will be raised as necessary. Evangelization is always going to be the backdrop of our pastoral discussions, and so will not be listed as a separate "issue".

The following is a brief summary of the conclusions we reached.

Re: (1) Following our discussion during the January Meeting (Can we do more?), Fr. Michael acted upon the recommendation of the PPC with the following actions:

He raised the issue of sponsoring a second refugee family in Val Caron with the Capreol-Valley Refugee Sponsorship Committee and they were unanimous in their support of this in principle.

He clarified with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul their willingness to offer the use of Sr. Frederica House for a sponsored family. They are willing to make that house available.

He called a meeting at our St. Kevin Site for Tuesday, March 29th and issued a formal invitation to all the Christian Churches in Valley East to attend and be a part of this initiative.

At that meeting, the primary focus will be on determining if we have the human resources necessary to integrate a second family. If volunteers step forward for this, we will proceed. If not, we will put this initiative on 'hold'.

Re: (2) It was decided to host a wine and cheese social following our Divine Mercy Celebration on April 3rd. PPC members will look after setting up for this in the Parish hall of our St. Kevin Site. After some consideration, Fr. Michael decided to invite our new Bishop to lead that service, if he is available.

The St. Kevin's Site CWL is pursuing the possibility of organizing a pilgrimage bus tour to Quebec City (the Door of Mercy) October 17-21st. More information will be presented to the Parish as details are finalized.

No other ideas for marking the Year of Mercy were brought forward.

Re: (3) The actions of the Archdiocese of Toronto this past weekend (message from Cardinal Collins) were discussed. Fr. Michael indicated that he has published the link to the Coalition Petition referenced by Cardinal Collins in this weekend's bulletin for those who wish to inform themselves about it and to sign it. To date, there have been no actions undertaken by our own Diocese, and none are anticipated.

Bob Johnson agreed to forward by e-mail to all PPC members the link to the 21 recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee, which has precipitated much of the current discussion on this topic. At the very least, this will allow us to be educated about this current issue.

The CWL have some initiatives (petitions) that will be brought forward to the Parish for those who wish to sign them.

Our next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18th at 7pm in the Board Room of our St. Kevin Site.