

**Apple Valley Catholic Community**  
**Minutes – Collaborative Pastoral Council**  
Thursday, 9/24 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Isidore

Present: Fr. Walter, Fr. Paul, Deacon Charlie, Janet Moroney, Paul McMahon, Steve Ryan, Diahne Goodwin, Jan Ketonen

1. Opening prayer and welcome
2. Minutes of last meeting approved
3. Comments on Pope Francis's exhortation, the Joy of the Gospel, #34
4. Pastor's comments
  - The pastoral plan writing is under way. When ready, a draft will be presented to CPC. Once approved it will be the council's task to monitor its unfolding. It was suggested and confirmed that we should review the document draft at the next council meeting.
  - GIFT, Growing in Faith Together, is much broader than a particular program – it is what we do!
  - We are now working with a shared staff and it is a year of transitions.
5. Principal contributions that the CPC can make:
  - feedback, communication, and suggestions concerning pastoral life and work in a time of change;
  - paying attention to the pastoral plan and its implementation;
  - assistance in reviewing parish activities in light of their primary orientation to mission. To what extent are we using our resources in service of mission, and to what extent are we not...if we are not, then we are diverting resources away from where they need.
  - We need to communicate the role of the CPC, and tell people more than once!
  - How do we encourage local response to the pope's message? For example, one role for the CPC is to take such issues as Syrian immigration and decide how we as parishes will respond.
  - In addition to communication, we also need commitment by council members to be united and committed to our mission together

By way of background: Pope Francis's Joy of the Gospel develops "important practical implications for the Church's mission today [which] help give shape to a definite style of evangelization which I ask you to adopt *in every activity which you undertake*" (§18). Pope Francis speaks about parishes in §28. His comments there might be especially helpful as we think about our work.

6. Selection of a vice-chair, secretary and/or a secretary for communications.
  - We will save vice-chair position until membership for the year is solidified

- Jan will do communications within the group and for web site and other parish announcements, etc. Minute taker is separate and roating but communications person will post minutes.

7. Membership replenishment.

- Don't know about Amy Alexander or Dan Armstrong yet. Joan Grund and Joann Witek are still on board.

- Please send recommendations to Fr. Walter need to add one or two more people from St. Isidore and for teen representation from each parish.

9. Meeting schedule for this year. In all cases, our meetings will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 29 (SEOH)

Thursday, Dec. 10 (SIP)

Wednesday, Jan. 13 (SEOH)

Thursday, Feb. 25 (SIP)

Thursday, Apr. 7 (SEOH)

Thursday, May 12 (SIP)

Thursday, June 16 (SEOH)

Respectfully submitted by Diahne Goodwin