

**PARISH MINISTRY PETAL MEETING
JUNE 2, 2011**

Fr. Brandon opened the meeting with a prayer and everyone recited the St. Anne's Ministry Petals Prayer that is on the back of everyone's name tag.

Affirmations:

- a. Yvonne Ritter affirmed the Daughters of Isabella for the wonderful Tea and Fashion Show and also for the youth who did a great job serving.
- b. Deborah McCaskill affirmed the Arts & Environment Committee for the beautiful decorations for the Holy Week and Easter services.

Housekeeping/Updates:

- a. The minutes from this Petal Meeting will be due on Monday, June 6.
- b. There are two new representatives: Tim Mustin will represent Teams of Our Lady (TOOL). This is a group for married couples who meet in each others homes once a month to share a meal, fellowship and prayer. Saul Molina will be the new alternate for the Mexican-American Catholic Federation.

Announcements:

- a. John Atwood announced that the Knights of Columbus will be hosting the annual Priests Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, August 20 in St. Anne's Hall. He is asking that each ministry sell 10 tickets. Please see John tonight to pick up your tickets.
- b. The Parish Nurse Program had a handout for a health forum on Palliative Care that will be held on June 9 at 7pm at Lodi Memorial Hospital.

Ministry Fair: Donna

The Ministry Fair is next weekend! Donna has purchased plastic bags so fair goers can put in the handouts they collect at the different booths. She also purchased some red "Come Holy Spirit" pens. Donna then went over the sheet about what things everyone should have available at their booth: a pop-up board and a handout. She also reminded everyone to follow up with anyone who shows an interest in your Ministry! Donna suggested that if you don't have enough "man power" to cover your booth, be sure to have at least a sign-up sheet and a hand-out available. She then went over the food assignments and the steps on how fair goers could get a food ticket and how they could get a raffle ticket. She showed everyone the map of where each booth will be, and she asked everyone to be sure to check their information. She showed the sign-in sheet she made to show the worker's shifts. Joyce Ray Castles then stated that the St. Anne's Rosary Makers would like to have a table at the Ministry Fair where they can show children how to make rosaries. Donna told Joyce to talk to Tony Moreno after the meeting tonight, as he is in charge of the Children's Area.

Review of Parish Ministry Petal Process & Changing of Reps: Fr. Brandon

Fr. Brandon then went over the highlights of the past year and some of the things that have been accomplished through the Petal Meetings for the "Pastoral Year" of August 2010 to June 2011. He said that he feels that there is value to these meetings! He wanted to show that there were "fruits" from this process! Fr. Brandon said that the main goal is to be able to communicate with others what **has** happened and **is** happening in our Parish. He then went over some of the "highlights".

Fr. Brandon said that he wants to effectively communicate to a large number of people through us as we are representatives for the many ministries! He stated that the best practice was that the School Advisory Board has incorporated the Petal Report into part of their monthly meeting and that this is now a part of their by-laws.

He encouraged the Daughters of Isabella to do the same at their meetings (to know what the school is doing). Fr. Brandon asked everyone how can he help make this become a part of each group's meeting? He stated that he would be willing to come speak at any of the ministries' meetings. Father said that he feels that we are on the "cutting edge" with this process.

The groups then broke into their small groups for discussion.

Catholic Fellowship

Catholic Fellowship members present - John Atwood(Knights of Columbus), Teresa Locke (Liaison), Ana Molina (MACF), Barbara Brovelli (YLI), Delores Silva (StAnnes Seniors), Deacon Karl Welsbacher (Liaison), Tim Mutsin (Teams of our Lady)

Reflection over the Petal process:

In what way has the petal process helped our Parish grow as a community?

- We learned about other groups, what they do, and got to know their members
- We communication better between groups
- We report about Petal meetings in our regular Group Meetings (Seniors need little help with this)
- We aware of other groups activities
- We learned about all groups in the Parish

Is there an area of the Petal process that i do not understand?

- No us but, Steps of the Petal process explained to the our parish community/or flow chart

What is an area that I see the Petal process can improve in?

- Groups need to asked to participate in activities or functions rather than assigning them to a function or activity
- Alternates brought in regular to know the process of the Petal meetings
- Alternates take over in February 2010 rather than seeking another person

Any issues/items to be brought to the Ministry Team?

- Flow chart of the Petal process or communicate process better to others
Email- Website -Bulletin

Knights of Columbus - John ask all groups to help sell Tickets for Priest Appreciation Dinner he gave us 10 tickets to try & sell to our groups.

Next meeting August 4, 2011.....alternates need come to this meeting

Cover all Ministry information with our groups

Next year Ministry dates June 2 & 3, 2012

Our Groups need to get together for the Monthly Meetings mid July? John Atwood (Knights) will let us know or coordinate a date. Dinners start in August.

St. Anne's School & Youth and Young Adult

❖ In what ways has the petal process helped our Parish grow as a community?

- Identify different persons in each ministry
- Increased communication
- Awareness of what is happening in other ministries
- We hear and learn of the needs of different ministries

➤ Get to know our fellow Parishioners

❖ **Is there an area of the Petal process that I do not understand?**

- The steps seem very clear
- What exactly needs to be run through the Petal process?
 - Events that have been done for years?
 - Only new events?
 - Just fundraisers?

❖ **What is an area that I see the Petal process can improve in?**

❖ **Any Issues/Items to be brought to the Ministry Team?**

- None

Social Justice

❖ **IN WHAT WAYS HAS THE PETAL PROCESS HELPED OUR PARISH GROWN AS A COMMUNITY?**

Communication and awareness between ministries are now aware of what each are doing.

❖ **IS THERE AN AREA OF THE PETAL PROCESS THAT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND?**

Our petal agreed that a refresher for existing reps and new reps should be given.

❖ **WHAT IS AN AREA THAT I SEE THE PETAL PROCESS CAN IMPROVE IN?**

Did not have time to address this question.

❖ **ANY ISSUES/ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE MINISTRY TEAM?**

Would like the Stockton Diocese web-site on the front of the Bulletin.

Faith Formation

ARISE – Arise – No report

MARRIAGE PREPRATION – A new English speaking couple will begin training soon to join the marriage preparation team. Members of the team will be attending a training session in Manteca on June 25 to learn how to use FOCUS. This is a tool to help the team work with new couples planning to get married. FOCUS will replace the PMI (premarital inventory) that is presently being used.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – No Report

RCIA –No Report

ROSARY MAKERS – As a “hands on” activity, they would like to have a table at Ministry Day to teach the children how to make rosaries all during the day.

SEEDS OF FAITH –The Fruit of Silence is Prayer – The Fruit of Prayer is Service.

We had the opportunity on May 18th to be servants for Festa della Donna which is a local fundraiser put on by Jim and Annette Murdaca to raise money for the two local women's shelters in Lodi – Lodi House and Hope Harbor. We were also given the opportunity to have a feature table honoring Our Lady at the entrance to the event. Along with a beautiful tablecloth and flowers we included some photographs of memorable women in our lives. As the ladies entered they were given the opportunity to put on a prayer card the name of a woman that had been meaningful in their life, a woman whose memory they wanted honored. Our Mary table was such a huge success that we have been invited to make it 3 times as large next year. 80% of the women in attendance are Protestant.

Along with other generous volunteer servants, our additional task was to help setup for the event, 42 tables, and to serve lunch to over 350 ladies. Lunch was prepared by the students of the culinary school from the Salvation Army.

More importantly we believe that in giving Glory to God and that in our honoring Mary, specifically in the month of May at a festival honoring all women, women serving women, was the reason for the huge financial success of the event. Over \$100,000 was raised. This is phenomenal in that the event has only been in existence five years and it was pouring rain and the event had to be moved with 24 hours' notice. \$50,000 will go to the Salvation Army Women's Shelter – Hope Harbor and \$50,000 will go to Lodi House, a program shelter for women.

It was a profound spiritual experience and we know it was all because of Our Lady and Her Son honoring us because we honored her.

VISITATION & ADORATION - Continued presentations on the Adoration Renovation Project.

Reminder that there will be evening Adoration this week on June 9th from 7-8 in the Adoration Chapel. Also we will be having Adoration in the main church on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 26th at 3 pm conducted by Father Nguyen.

PETAL DISCUSSION

Broke into groups to discuss and review the petal process. Specific items discussed in our group:

How has the Petal process helped our Parish grow as a community?

Knowing People -

More organized

Bringing together of the Spanish and English community has been a major improvement; both factions feel more "one" parish rather than two.

Opportunity to see that there are 46 active ministries in the parish

Definite feeling of "inclusivity" rather than "exclusivity" – before it was felt that a handful of people ran the parish whereas now feel more informed and a part of the decision making process.

Is there an area of the petal process that do not understand?

How do we bring issues not related to our particular petal that come to us from the church community; i.e., handicap parking and need response back to these concerns timely

Need Alternate name tags

What is an area that we see the petal process can improve in?

Still need better communication on how a concern or issue was taken care of

Need an ongoing "priority check list" so that those issues that aren't sent up each month are still kept fresh on the minds of the petal and brought up again if not resolved

Need a review of the petal process to the parish – has not been covered since initial presentation

No email for Spanish speaking representatives and need to somehow develop better communication

Suggest a "flow chart" for the petal process

Any items to be brought to the Ministry Team?

Would like to see "Mass Etiquette" discussed from the pulpit or in the bulletin teaching what is expected of people during Mass; i.e., dress code, reverence and silence within the church before and after Mass, the sacredness of Christ in the tabernacle vs. socializing and visiting in the Church after Mass, gum chewing, cell phone, texting – perhaps this could be addressed in the Pastor's Message each month or a Mass Etiquette Bulletin Box

After the large group discussion was over, Fr. Brandon went over each of the bullet points on the

Representative Turnover Proposal June 2011. He commented that he appreciated everyone for saying "yes" to being a representative and he announced that he is now asking that each representative continue through June 2012. He thinks that it would be best that we have a mix of old and new representatives to allow things to continue smoothly. He asked that each person prayerfully consider this commitment. He also let everyone know that if they have decided not to continue being a petal representative, to please let him or Donna know as soon as possible.

Fr. Brandon stated that tonight is the end of our pastoral year. There is no Parish Ministry Petal Meeting in July. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 4 in St. Anne's Hall.

Fr. Brandon invited everyone to come to the "Town Hall" Meeting regarding our three renovation projects on Sunday, June 5 at 3pm in St. Anne's Hall.

PETAL (SMALL GROUP) DISCUSSION NOTES

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Present:

Patty Herrera, Grace Puccinelli, Carmen Musch, Barbara Keller, alternate for Priscilla, Pati McKinstry, Rosa Treviso, Veronica Santana, Pamela Roosma, Carol Williams and her alternate Brian Young, and Joan Cahill.

Absent:

Anne Van Steyn and Horacio Villalobos.

Reflection Questions:

In what way has the petal process helped our Parish grow as a community?

People have become more involved, more willing to help each other.

The English and Spanish community are communicating more.

Realizing how many ministries we have and a better understanding of what each ministry does.

Team work; ministries a voice of communication – everyone able to get message out to all their ministers.

Opportunity to see how everything works and what other people/ministries are doing.

Is there an area of the Petal Process that I do not understand?

Maybe explain the Petal Process to the parish again.

What is an area that I see the Petal Process can improve in?

Bulletin

Email

Rosa suggested having a meeting one week after our meeting with Spanish community to go over agenda.

Telephone tree

Information table in the vestibule

Sam said it is hard to get the information out unless you are a part of the process. Rosa said the Spanish community problem is most do not have email address. Need meetings to keep Spanish community updated.

Barbara said that a lot of the Dust Angels do not have email either. Barbara updates them at their monthly meeting.

Point to make. How do we communicate with all the people in our petal?

Brian Young contacted everyone in his ministry and got all their emails and sent out packets for the Ministry Fair.

Sam said that at the Ministry Fair they will introduce the website. The website will be a big help. Everyone will be able to pull information about each ministry.

Suggestion that announcements be made at Mass for the Spanish community. One more step to keep them informed.

We have a new ministry. Sacristans. Michael Bogee is the Petal representative.

ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE MINISTRY TEAM:

We are still having communication issues getting the petal meeting notes to the Spanish Community. Not many have emails and Rosa is translating and then mailing to each member of the Lectors, Eucharistic Minister and the Ushers. Rosa would like to have a separate meeting with those Spanish groups to discuss what was said at the petal meeting. This way by talking to them directly she can also get feedback from them and then relay to us at the next petal meeting. We were not sure if we need approval for her to do this. Please advise.

Final Announcements:

Donna then announced that during the Ministry Fair there will be "translators" to help if you need a Spanish speaker to translate questions at your booth.

She then announced that we will be having "Name Tag Sunday" on June 11 & 12 where we can learn the names of the people who sit around us at Mass. This was suggested by the members of the Pastoral Council.

She reminded everyone to please remember to communicate with your alternate! She thanked the Faith Formation Petal for providing the refreshments tonight.

It was suggested that the Petal representatives invite their alternates to the August meeting. Everyone thought that this was a good idea; as the meeting is in the gym, and so there is plenty of space! The Liturgy petal will provide the refreshments that evening.

Fr. Brandon then closed the meeting with a prayer.