

St. Martin de Porres Warren, Michigan
Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Parish Center Conference Room
AGENDA

From our Parish Mission Statement: *How is what we are going to do help us “to strive to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the mystery of God’s love in our midst, to serve one another and the wider human community and to continue the Mission of Jesus?”*

Opening Prayer Experience and Attendance

Ongoing Formation of the Council: From the USCCB document, “Go and Make Disciples” – Part 6

Review of the Minutes

Ongoing Parish Issues

A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)

1. Next Building Committee project: Explore a storage area on the west end of the parish center. A garage-type structure which would house machinery and supplies, freeing up the rectory garage and allowing Christian Service to use the current storage garage on the east end of the parish center to store outreach products.
2. Archdiocesan Synod on the New Evangelization: “Moving from Maintenance to Mission.”
3. Status on parish phone system and church sound system/hearing loops
4. Progress on AED training workshop
5. Any other Old Business?

B. Issues for discernment/consensus (New Business)

1. Upcoming parish pictorial directory
2. Coordinating fund-raising events on the parish master events calendar so that they are combined and/or staggered
3. Survey of interest regarding parish fund-raising and other events

Report of the Commissions: See submitted reports.

1. Worship Commission
2. Education/Formation Commission
3. Christian Service Commission:
4. Evangelization Committee
5. Parish Finance Council
6. Youth Representative
7. Central Macomb Vicariate Representative

OPEN FORUM / UPCOMING EVENTS / FYI

St. Martin de Porres Warren, Michigan
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Tuesday, October 4, 2016 Parish Center Conference Room

MINUTES

From our Parish Mission Statement: *How is what we are going to do help us “to strive to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the mystery of God’s love in our midst, to serve one another and the wider human community and to continue the Mission of Jesus?”*

Opening Prayer Experience and Attendance: The meeting began at 7:15 PM with a reflection and discussion about the upcoming Sunday Gospel on the 10 lepers who were healed, and only one coming back; healing and gratitude; we are the nine!

Members present: Fr. Nick Zukowski, who chaired the meeting; Jerry Cipkowski, Rocky Mercier, Ciara Regan-Moore and Jerome Kunert. Absent/Excused: Gary McMenamin.

Ongoing Formation of the Council: From the USCCB document, “Go and Make Disciples” – Part 5. We are called to be bold in our discipleship and outreach.

Review of the Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

Ongoing Parish Issues

A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)

1. Building Committee progress report: from maintenance to mission, mission to maintenance storage area next to the parish center. The church bathroom project is finally complete! The last two punch list items were completed to our satisfaction. Fr. Nick will work with our bookkeeper for a final cost tally. Next project: explore a storage area on the west end of the parish center. A garage-type structure which would house machinery and supplies, freeing up the rectory garage and allowing Christian Service to use the current storage garage on the east end of the parish center to store outreach products.
2. Archdiocesan Synod on the New Evangelization. The Amazing Parish Conference, Come Encounter Christ prayer experiences, and the parish dialogue sessions are all part of the preparation of Synod 2016: “Moving from Maintenance to Mission.”
3. 2016 Catholic Services Appeal: We have reached our parish target; now anything that comes in above and beyond that goes back to our parish. Please pay off your pledges!
4. Status on parish phone system and church sound system/hearing loops: Fr. Nick and Larry Lage have received two bids on the phone system. Need to upgrade one bid and possibly find a third. We are researching church hearing loops that would be available

for individual purchase by users and will be connected to our church sound system.

5. Any other Old Business? None.

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B. Issues for discernment/consensus (New Business)

1. AED training workshop: All ushers and greeters need to be trained in CPR.
2. "The Spoon Man" fundraiser has been cancelled.
3. More Communion Cups will be made available at holiday Masses and more Cups for handicapped should be made available at Sunday Mass. Fr. Nick and Sr. Pat will work on this.
4. How to recruit more high school altar servers. Brainstorming left us with no easy solution. Encourage current servers to speak to the kids in Faith Formation?

Report of the Commissions: See submitted reports.

1. Worship Commission
2. Education/Formation Commission
3. Christian Service Commission:
4. Evangelization Committee
5. Parish Finance Council
6. Youth Representative
7. Central Macomb Vicariate Representative: Rocky Mercier did not attend the September meeting; no report. Future VPC meetings will take place on a rotating schedule and will no longer be set in stone for a set Monday of the month.

OPEN FORUM / UPCOMING EVENTS / FYI:

Information was shared about the upcoming parish pictorial directory.

Concern was expressed about the recent frequency of parish organization, Scout and K of C fund-raising events. There are EIGHT fund-raising events scheduled for the months of September and October! There is a need when doing the parish event master calendar, that all groups coordinate their events so this will be avoided in the future: either combine events or stagger them throughout the year.

Make sure our events are not only with a financial end, but with spiritual and social growth in mind as well. Fr. Nick and Jerome Kunert will coordinate a survey to be taken among the parishioners to see which activities are appealing and worthy of support, and which are not. Also, which events can be combined and which ones can be staggered over the year.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: Propose Tuesday, November 8

(Nov. 1 is the Solemn Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation), 2016

EVALUATION OF THE MEETING: Good, inspiring, productive and seemed to move

along quickly!

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting ended at 8:45 PM with the recitation of the Pope Francis Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Submitted by Fr. Nick Zukowski, Temporary Chair and Grateful Pastor

Our Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Martin de Porres of Warren, reflecting the qualities of our patron saint, strive to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, celebrate the mystery of God's love in our midst, and serve one another and the wider human community, thus continuing the Mission of Jesus Christ.

- Reviewed and approved by the Parish Pastoral Council June, 2016

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: Propose Tuesday, December 6 (St. Nick's Day!)

EVALUATION OF THE MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER: Pope Francis Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2016

Present: Joanne Mizak, Marilyn Baczyński, Claire Shaw, Ruth Ceci, Gary McMenamin, Jack Dauffenbach, Agnes Smalkowski, Rocky Mercier, Linda Samulski, Renee' Heileman

1. Opening Prayer- "Are You a Visionary?"
2. Minutes from September meeting approved
3. Reports:
 - A. ACWC- Ladies played Bingo at last meeting because speaker could not make it. Several women went to SPA retreat and thought it was very good, then about 80 people showed up for the Rosary in front of the church. In Nov. they will be doing coloring and collecting money for prison ministry Christmas project. Card party was a success, made \$1856. Preparing for fair on Nov. 5.
 - B. Autumn Woods- Doing ok. Linda Samulski volunteered to help with Communion Services and will shadow Renee' this week.
 - C. Bereavement- We need to plan a commissioning for new ministers, hopefully in November. Ministered to 4 families in June, 6 in July, 3 in August, 2 in September and, so far, 3 in Oct.
 - D. Boy Scouts- Held Court of Honor last week for several boys who advanced ranks, Many camp outs, next week will have pumpkin carving as a recruitment meeting, and the troop will have to re-charter soon.
 - E. Food Pantry/Collection- have been getting a good amount of food and have a lot of food packed up for HGP.
 - F. Funeral Brunch- article will be in church paper this weekend and Renee' spoke to ACWC to ask members to consider working in the ministry.
 - G. Knights of Columbus- no report, have many October activities: Euchre party, Octoberfest and Trunk-or-Treat.
 - H. Parish Council- looking at storage options with possible outbuilding, new phone system coming soon for offices and checking out options to improve sound system in church. CSA collection is \$12,000 over our goal, so money comes back to parish. Nov. 18-20 is synod follow up for Amazing Parishes- Maintenance to Mission. Nov. 5 is Hospitality workshop- Rocky, Renee' and Claire are considering attending.
 - I. Parish Nurse- Armchair Aerobics has been well attended, Will be sending \$50 check to American Cancer Society from Pink Ribbon SPA retreat event, monthly BP screens lower numbers than before Mass time changes.
 - J. Right to Life will be selling Christmas cards at ACWC fair.
 - K. Stephen Ministry- Training 1 new minister, Leaders are in the process of re-writing their manuals to update resources and "Catholize" the scripture.
 - L. Teens- No report, Completed their retreat last weekend (War Room theme) and will have a Halloween party this weekend.
4. Old Business
 - A. Mercy in Action Day- went well, but was very labor intensive for Renee'. We collected 4 vans full of used medical equipment. 3 went to World Medical

- Relief and 1 went to St. Terese's lending closet. AoD wants to make it a yearly event. Our group agreed that it will have to be less complicated if this is true.
- B. SPA retreat- 50 women attended and gave much positive feedback. Kathleen Lindemann was an excellent speaker. Ruth felt that ACWC should consider having an in house retreat every year. ACWC paid the \$250 speaker fee. It was suggested that only scentless candles should be used to avoid triggering asthma reactions for some people who are sensitive.
5. New Business
- A. Flu shots will be given by CVS drug store on Nov. 9 & 13
 - B. Donut ministry will be decreased to once a month and will coincide with the blood pressure screens. Attendance has been low, so not increasing fellowship in parish. Probably due to change in Mass times.
 - C. Funeral brunch- hope to re-start in New Year.
 - D. Welcome Book- description of Christian Service Commission was reviewed and approved.
 - E. AED/CPR plan- Renee' is a little over-whelmed with all of our programs and the planning of training of all of the groups to use AED's. We would like to have in place before Christmas Masses. It was suggested to just concentrate on training the ushers before Christmas and train other groups in the New Year.
 - F. Holiday Giving program (HGP)- letters have been sent out to schools and families. Lots of work before Giving Trees go up on Nov 19. Thanksgiving baskets to be completed on Monday, Nov. 21; Tree Trimming on Dec. 15, Christmas baskets on Dec. 16.
 - G. We have our dates for Warming Center (Feb. 19-26, 2017) and Mission Trip (July 23-29, 2017) St. Michael in Sterling Heights is interested in joining us on Mission Trip. We will have further discussion on this. Do not want to have to refuse any of our parishioners.
 - H. Joanne is doing more research on Human Trafficking. For schools, teachers seem to be the key to get in. Jane White is contact for task force.
6. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 29, 2016
7. Closed with "Pumpkin Prayer."

MINUTES of October 12, 2016



Opening Prayer: Prayer for Mercy (Fr. Joseph Veneroso, M.M.) Bea D'Ambrosio

Roll Call: Chris Cabe, Zora Dziurman, Bea D'Ambrosio, Maggie Missig, Kathy Baker

Excused: Grace Kulawczyk, Gary McMenamain

Welcome to our new member, Kathy Baker.

Minutes of September 14, 2016 approved. Motion to accept by Maggie. Seconded by Bea

Formation: Go and make Disciples Part Two: What is Evangelization – Read and Discussed.

Ongoing Business:

- Recruitment: Pamphlet and T-Shirt updates: no further development
- Traveling Holy Family: Program will begin on Sunday, October 30, 2016 and commence on April 16, 2017 (Easter Sunday). We will
 - a) Ask Fr. Nick to prepare a **letter** explaining the purpose of the Traveling Holy Family program. Letter may/should contain the following: (1) Purpose (2) Welcome (3) Encourage writing in the journal: families daily thoughts or signing all family member names in the journal. Families are asked to pray for members in the journal. (4) The Dynamics of a family is different for everyone.
 - b) Enclose a novena pamphlet and a how to pray the rosary handout.
 - c) Enclose a booklet with table of contents with resources for the family.
- Outing: 2 suggestions: (1) Holocaust Center offers public tours on Thursday at 1:00 pm. \$6/person. Private tour requires minimum of 10-12 people. (2) Royal Eagle Fine Dining (monastery) in Harper Woods. Left message for availability on Dec. 1st or 8th.
- Vicariate Formation, sponsored by the vicariate is on Saturday, October 22 at St. Martin de Porres. Currently 26 guests are enrolled.
 - Adult Formation: Chris is viewing “The Bible Timeline” series
 - Bible Study (ongoing) – prepare a flyer for the bulletin and the website.
 - Family Focus on Worship: Ideas for the upcoming year -
 - a) What’s in your Bag? Goal is to start this in January, after the holidays.
 - b) Family Matters – consider a presentation for parents and children; each with their own topic. “Juggling your Family Life” – contact John Lajiness as a possible speaker for the parents. Engage the F.A.M. group and the CF level 7-9 students to plan and help with presentation for the children.
 - c) Welcoming children at Mass; children have the “wiggles” – we need to make the families feel welcomed.
- Ministry Fair: Goal will be to have EC pamphlets available, T-Shirt for members and a digital presentation.
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St. Martin de Porres Education Commission Meeting
MINUTES of September 14, 2016

- Stay in Touch with parishioners, especially new families; have contact with them, with a note, throughout the year; remember baptism anniversary for newly baptized family members.
- New Business: Formation curriculum for children is now available. It encourages children to have a personal relationship with Jesus. Anita Houghton, with the Archdiocese of Detroit, is the contact person for this children's evangelization program. Consider conducting sessions with children at the same time that a program is in place for the parents.
- Martin Readers: We are in need of a book discussion facilitator. We'll contact Sr. Noreen O'Connell for a possible table facilitator and book suggestion.
- Open Forum: Bea will gather video information about Fr. Solanus and/or Pope Francis; a possible online study guide.

Closing Prayer:

Motion to adjourn by Chris; seconded by Kathy Baker.
Meeting adjourned, with prayer, at 3:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 1:30 pm Opening Prayer: Maggie Missig

Submitted by:

Zora Dziurman

St. Martin de Porres Warren, Michigan
Meeting of the Evangelization Committee
Thursday, October 6, 2016, 6:30 PM Parish Center Conference Room

MINUTES

From our Parish Mission Statement: *How is what we are going to do help us “to strive to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the mystery of God’s love in our midst, to serve one another and the wider human community and to continue the Mission of Jesus?”*

Opening Prayer Experience: The meeting began at 6:40 PM with the RENEW reflection and prayer for the coming Sunday’s Gospel.

Attendance: Present: Fr. Nick Zukowski, Pastor and Chair; Marlene Kania, Maribeth Criscenti, and Joan Kozak. Absent/Excused: Ed Sobczak and Lucy Zalewa, whom we lift up in healing prayer.

Ongoing Formation of the Council: From the USCCB document, “Go and Make Disciples” – Introduction and Chapter 1. Very good discussion!

Review of the Minutes: Approved.

Ongoing Parish Issues

- A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)
1. Parish Synod: November 18, 19, 20, 2016: “Unleash the Gospel”
Parish Rep is Suzanne Druzynski. We’re coming to the home stretch!
 2. Discussion groups for “On the Journey with Mary,” “Rediscover Jesus” (Apr. 25) and “Beautiful Mercy” (June 6): About a dozen attended each. Good discussion. Some felt there should have been a series of meetings about both books; too much to cover in one evening.
 3. Status on Pictorial Directory and Welcome Booklet: A committee of Zora Dziurman, Chris Cabe, Lori Isaac and Cecelia Malin (from the ACWC) have been Working feverishly on all the preliminary organization: Sign-up lists for volunteers, coordinating dates and locations to register; publicity, etc. Very impressed at the progress Maribeth Criscenti has been making. Two versions: book and pocket book with sheets. Fr. Nick will send a copy of both to the pastoral team for their input.
 4. The Journey to My Vocation – Fr. Nick, Sr. Pat (Deacon Marion?) No report. We are waiting for Deacon Marion to heal from his heart surgery.
 5. “Stump the Priest” – Catholic Q and A: “Why Do Catholics...?” Still in the running; still need to select a date and a venue.
 6. “Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit” Stewardship Awareness Program: Consensus was that we wait until after Christmas; maybe Lent?
 7. Parish Bible study options: historical/exegetical/pastoral-spiritual: We would like a variety of options for our parishioners. We hope to start

something in the Spring, Like Little Rock, Renew, Alpha. Much advance planning is needed for these programs to be effective. Some interest in continuing the discussion group on Mary.

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- B. Issues for discernment/consensus (New Business)
1. Amazing Parish Follow-up: The five people from our parish who attended are planning to meet in the spring to keep the momentum of the Synod going. Maybe do this in conjunction with the A o D stewardship awareness program: Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit.
 2. Consulting the A o D website for the upcoming Synod, Holy Doors pilgrimage and Amazing Parish Conference information: Mention is being made in the parish bulletin and in Sunday homilies.
 3. Any other New Business?

Open Forum/Upcoming Events/FYI: Already discussed above.

Schedule next meeting: Propose Thursday, January 19, 2017

Evaluation of the Meeting: Exciting, getting our hearts ablaze!

Closing Prayer: Meeting ended at 8:45 PM with the Prayer for the Jubilee Year by Pope Francis.

Submitted by Fr. Nick Zukowski

**St. Martin de Porres Parish Warren, Michigan
Combined Parish Finance Council
and Stewardship Awareness Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 1:30 PM
Parish Center Conference Room**

MINUTES

Opening Prayer/Faith/Sharing Experience: The meeting began at 1:35 PM with a reflection on upcoming Sunday Gospel: “Persistence.” Very good sharing!

Attendance and Review of the Minutes: All current members were present: Fr. Nick Zukowski, Pastor and Chair; Mike Garcia, Jerry Cipkowski, Mike Kostrzeba and Bill Edwards. Fr. Nick invited Larry Lage to join us and he will be invited to attend the next meeting.

Ongoing Education and Formation of the Council

“Go and Make Disciples: A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization” Section 2. Good understanding of the terms “Evangelization” and “Conversion.” Another good sharing!

Ongoing Parish Finance Issues

- A. Issues for discernment/consensus (Old Business)
 - 1. Review monthly reports
 - 2. Employee Handbook update: Fr. Nick will give a copy of the working draft to the parish staff for their input.
 - 3. Church restroom upgrade update: **FINALLY COMPLETED!** Dawn will prepare a final financial report for the next meeting. Members, staff and Parish Pastoral Council members will receive a copy when completed.
 - 4. “Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit” stewardship awareness: Will start after the November 2016 Synod concludes
Currently putting articles based on the Sunday readings in the bulletin.
 - 5. Any other Old Business? None raised.

- B. Issues for dialogue, sharing, reaction, proposing (New Business)
 - 1. Current Updates on other parish stewardship efforts
 - a. Catholic Services Appeal: 2015 target: \$78,750; 2016 Target: \$78,444 (see back sheet)
 - b. Changing Lives Together: The only funds taken out were for the church bathroom project. Fr. Nick will ascertain the balance.
 - c. Sunday Offering: As of this date, we are \$4,700 below budget.
 - 2. Status on search for Business Manager: already resolved; no need at present.
 - 3. Report from Parish Pastoral Council: No report.
 - 4. Submitted Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017: Still waiting approval from the A o D and Chancellor.

Ongoing Parish Finance Issues

5. Any other New Business?
 - a. Church sound system needs urgent attention. Bill Edwards will work with Larry Lage, investigate options and report back to us.
 - b. Automatic church door openers: Discussion began on the pros and cons of putting automatic handicap plates for our present church doors or create new sliding doors with no door threshold. The current threshold is problematic for those using wheelchairs, walkers and canes. Mike Garcia will get more info and report back to us.
 - c. Update the church marquee sign: Fr. Nick will speak with Dan Heileman about the possibility and options of an electronic message board: styles, sizes and costs, as well as possibly using the current sign frame to maintain the historical integrity of the sign.
 - d. Upgrade the parish telephone system: A lively discourse about cable vs. VOIT (?) Bill Edwards will speak with Larry Lage about this and will report back.
 - e. The Ushers pasta dinner generated a net profit of \$2100. With that, we can purchase TWO AED's – one for the church and one for the parish center! Thanks, Ushers!
 - f. The Ushers are looking at creating new, attractive and tamper-resistant wooden collection receptacles for the back of church.

Evaluation of the Meeting: Good, covered a lot of subjects.

Schedule Next Meeting: Propose Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 1:30 PM.

Closing Prayer: The meeting ended at 3:05 PM with the Pope Francis Jubilee Prayer

Catholic Services Appeal for 2016

Report #4 (Final Report)

PARISH TARGET:	\$78,444
AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$91,028 (5 online donors)
% of TARGET	116%
AMOUNT PAID	\$78,805.01
NUMBER OF GIFTS	472 out of 1376 households
% of PARTICIPATION	34% (47% of active households)
AVERAGE GIFT	\$194
STILL NEEDED IN PAYMENTS TO REACH AND SURPASS OUR PARISH TARGET:	\$12,223

Missionary Cooperation Plan for 2016

Thanks to your generosity, \$3,718.01 was raised to benefit the St. Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society, Inc., the Xavierian Missionary Fathers.
Thank you and God bless you for your generous prayerful and financial support of the Archdiocese and of the Universal Church!

ST. MARTIN de PORRES
WORSHIP COMMISSION MINUTES
October 18, 2016
Parish Center Conference Room

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Dorothy Moon at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE: MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Nick, Cindy Cairns, Jerry Cipkowski, Diane Budzinski, Dorothy Moon, Jim Hostnik, Sue Kochanowicz, John McGovern, Kathy Groth, Dan Mamuyac, Mike Garcia, Pat Kaczmarek and Sr. Pat.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Deacon Marion and Mary Alyce Gaffke

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: Approved

ONGOING EDUCATION AND FORMATION OF THE COMMISSION:

Go and Make Disciples – Part Seven – Led in the Spirit

ONGOING PARISH LIFE

A. Old Business

1. Appointments for our Pictorial Directory sittings are available from Nov. 16th through the 26th. We hope that everyone has made their appointment. Your participation is important.
2. The Mercy Day in Action on October 1st was a great success. At St. Martin's, medical equipment was collected and distributed to various places. It is being planned for next year but with a few adjustments such as modifying the locations for the opening and closing services.
3. Dr. Anita Werling's organ concert on October 9th was awesome. About 50 people attended and were delighted with her performance.
4. The ladies SPA retreat was very successful. About 50 women participated and were inspired by the presentation given by Kathleen Lindemann. All enjoyed a delicious lunch and received a bagful of items to help them be "Spiritually Prepared Always." Centerpieces with beautiful items such as jewelry, scarves, etc. were raffled.
5. The Rosary Rally held in front of the church on October 15th at 2 PM was one of the best attended. About 80 people gave witness by their prayer for our country including members of the K of C, the ACWC and parishioners. Pat Kaczmarek will be turning the leadership of the Rally to the K of C next year.
6. Our Anointing Mass on Oct. 12th filled both sides of the middle aisle. With the help of Fr. Bob Blondell and the adult choir it, was a very prayerful and moving experience.
7. In trying to find a place for signs in the church to remind folks that they are entering a sacred place, we found that above the doors going into the church is not a possibility. So we will be looking at the possibility of a large stand as you enter the church or perhaps something similar to what we use for the death notices. Mike Garcia will help with this.
- 8 a. We are still trying to resolve the problem of giving Holy Communion to the handicapped at the weekend Masses. We may try to have them be given Communion first but not until that is explained and an article published in the parish paper.

8 b. The last pledge from the Ushers' Pasta Dinner has been paid. Two AED machines will be purchased. There is a surplus of profits, available for the purchase of other things to be determined by Fr. Nick and the ushers.

8 c. A reminder should be given that a simple bow is needed before receiving the Body of Christ and/or the Blood of Christ.

B. New Business

1. World Mission Sunday is October 23rd. Special pink envelopes for this collection are available at the church offering boxes in church.

2. Priesthood Sunday is October 30th. If there is a priest that has influenced you or served you and is now retired or actively serving, consider sending him a note, card or email to thank him for his ministry and let him know you are praying for him.

3. Ways of making families with young children feel welcome at Mass was discussed. Having a card with some helpful suggestions such as encouraging them to sit near the front, letting them know where our ushers' room is, etc. was a suggestion given.

4. Synod 16 takes place from November 18-20. A special prayer for this will be in our bulletin and recited as the closing prayer to the universal prayer each week until the conclusion of the Synod. 200 cards with this prayer will be sent to us from the AOD.

5. As directed by the AOD, a Mass count will be taken the weekends of Oct. 29-30 and Nov. 5-6.

6. On November 14th at 7:00PM, Fr. Nick will be participating in an "Evening of Praise and Worship" at Our Lady of Hope Church in St. Clair Shores. This will include Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, a reflection given by Fr. Nick, some praise and worship music and some quiet time for private prayer. Members of the Worship Commission and Contemporary Group are invited and welcome to experience this unique type of musical prayer.

7 a. The Mass for Pardon held at the Cathedral was a truly uplifting experience. The Cathedral was packed with people and a Litany of Pardon was recited as our bishops prostrated themselves before a large crucifix. We hope to be able to print copies of that litany and also of the universal prayers. We may consider having a Mass for Pardon at St. Martin's in the future.

b. We are urged to be mindful especially at Communion time that those receiving Holy Communion consume the Body of Christ immediately. Also we are asked to watch over and protect the large bowl with unconsecrated hosts that is placed on the Offertory table. Recently, several hosts were found in the pews (assumed to be not consecrated) on a Monday afternoon during church cleaning.

c. Based on a recommendation from the Amazing Parish Conference, we will be evaluating the quality of our preaching, our music ministry and our welcoming ministry.

d. It is suggested that we put something similar to our outdoor manger scene on the north porch of the church also on the south side of the church as an evangelization tool for those travelling both north and south on Hoover Road.

Evaluation of the Meeting: very good, informative

Meeting ended at 8:30 PM with the Pope Francis Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy (Next time, we will pray the A o D Prayer for the Synod '16.)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 PM. Prayer Leader: Cindy Cairns

St. Martin de Porres FAM Teen Group Report
October 2016 – November 2016

In October:

- On October 4 and 5, a few of us spoke to the 8th and 9th grade catechism classes to talk up joining youth group and Fall Retreat
- On October 7, Letters went home to the teens in the FAM that have had consistent attendance and are of grades 9-12 to extend an invitation to 2017's High School Catholic Youth Conference at the Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH.
- On October 9, we had our first FAM of the month at 7pm. We watched *War Room* in preparation for Fall Retreat
- On October 16, the leaders from the three churches got together to practice/ fine-tune anything that needed practicing and fine-tuning for Fall Retreat.
- On October 16, the leaders of the FAM met to discuss November's activities.
- On October 21-23 from 6:30pm(Fri.) to 12:00pm(Sun.), the teens and leaders from St. Martin, St. Malachy, and St. Cornelius got together for our annual Fall Retreat at Simpson Park and Campground in Romeo, MI. On top of activities and talks that were directed towards the theme of the weekend, all people in attendance experienced Eucharistic Adoration and celebrated the Sacraments of Holy Mass and Reconciliation. Our theme was "Put on the Armor of God." Fr. Nick was in attendance Saturday morning to help us celebrate Reconciliation. We had 18 teens in attendance from St. Martin de Porres.
- On October 30, the FAM is had their Halloween Party at 7pm, where we had a theft mystery activity!

In November:

- With the Poinsettia Sale coming up in the first weekend in December, the order for the flowers will be going into Diegel's this first week of November.
- More information about the Steubenville Youth Conference will be coming out as we learn more, but registration will be taking place on Monday, November 7.
- The teens are having a teen mass on Sunday, November 13. This will be the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.
- There will be a FAM meeting immediately following the Teen Mass on the 13 from noon-2pm.

- On November 20, The FAM Leaders will get together for their Leader Formation meeting to reflect and plan December's activities.
- On November 27, The FAM will meet for their annual Thanksgiving party. There will be a pot-luck and many foods will be eaten.