

School of Leaders

MEETING MINUTES

6/13/15

Present: Dan, Father Baker, Tom, Diane, Bonnie, Jerry, Fred, Linda, Jeanne, (late arrival/early departure) Jesualdo.

Next Meeting: July 11, 2015

*Group Reunion

*Doctrine: Father Baker provides updates on the Year of Mercy and Theology on Tap. The latter was held at a Church St. tavern had a great turnout of about 35 people. The format was a presentation, Q&A session, and it lasted about 1.5 hours. The Year of Mercy starts on 12/8. Pope Francis hopes to get people to return to Reconciliation, offering shorter lines. Promote mercy in Reconciliation. Reconciliation is the place to meet Christ's mercy. When we receive mercy, we then show it to others. Jesus—"Who am I to judge?" The treasure of grace and mercy is not being used. Less use, more judgmental society.

Penance Service: Upcoming year—Keep the Light On—Reconciliation at the same time throughout the diocese. Theology on Tap—20-30 minute talk, followed by Q&A—aimed at bringing the 21-35-year old set back to church.

Discussion following: Catholic education. Bishop doing an upcoming "Theology of Tap." Father Rupp, Iowa parish, has a weekly collection of \$65,000. They are able to provide free Catholic education, grade school through high school. This illustrates regional differences in Church's support.

*Presentation, STUDY OF THE CHARISM, 10) Methodology: Cursillo (3-Day)—Linda

3 Days, 3—Piety/Study/Action, 3 encounters with Christ, 3—Cursillo, Post, Pre. Deviations from this format is not Cursillo. Location is important—eliminate worldly distractions. Discover—self, God, ideals, others. Bring about conversion and bring it back to our environments (face to face). We have to follow the method and let the method work.

Discussion follows.

*Section Work: Dan proposes having leaders of sections again. Volunteers? "Defender of Section"—Pre, Cursillo, Post.

Discussion follows: Volunteering has recently become a lifetime commitment. Terms are no defined. Try making terms short and change often? The purpose of volunteering is to make sure each section gets covered at each SOL meeting. Clergy, in or out? OUT.

What is involved? We are trying to do too much with too few people. Recruiting for SOL? Most recruits now from the south. Ultreyas and small groups must be strong to get strength in SOL.

Terms to 1/1/16:

Pre--Fred

Cursillo Weekend--Diane

Post—Tom

More discussion follows on getting people to come and stay—4 new members?

Renewal Weekend will be crucial for rebuilding SOL/SEC.

*CORNERSTONE: Need Witness for the next issue. Have activated 25 emails; have 80 to go.

*Weekend of Renewal

Tentative schedule set.

Need 4 speakers total:

2. Study

3. Father Baker, Spiritual Direction

4. Dan, Study of the Environment

1. Books, Bonnie

Discussion—How to get more attendees? Organization of schedule to allow for day-only attendees.

*Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

*Summer Weekends

Out—Norwich and VT Tech. Too expensive--\$88 day and \$1,000 for Rollo Room.

New Idea—Barnett-Presb., \$15/per person per night. Need kitchen crew and linens.

New Idea—Darling Hill, Lyndonville, Wild Flower Inn.

Still possible—St. Anne's Shrine, \$200/weekend, food included.

Price high—Green Mountain College, \$90/weekend, bring linen. Catering expensive--\$20/person, must pay for 50 people.

