



# Immaculate Conception Parish Council

## October Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2015  
 Meeting Time: 7:15 PM  
 Meeting Location: Parish Hall

Member Name	Present	Absent	Position
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		X	Long Term Planning Rep.

**Meeting opened with a prayer at 8:40 PM** (Abbreviated meeting due to AOD Evangelization presentation prior to the meeting)

**Minutes of the September, 2015 meeting were approved with no changes.**

### PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Our school enrollment has increased since last month's meeting; we now have 150 students (131 K-8, 28 preschool, and 86 boys and 72 girls), making I.C. the largest elementary school in the Blue Water vicariate – though we're still down one student from last year. (Three of the other five elementary schools are up in enrollment from last year, and two are down; overall, the vicariate is down 17 students.) Overall, we have 22 new students this year; 7<sup>th</sup> grade is the largest class, with 24, and kindergarten is the small class, with 10.
- Cardinal Mooney High School is down to 136 students, a decrease of 16 from last year (and a decline of 43 from just three years ago). As reported on the front page of today's *Times Herald*, the high school is beginning a new campaign: a onetime free-tuition incentive for freshmen and juniors to attend this year's second semester for free. Those new students who choose to stay on afterwards will be eligible for tuition assistance from an anonymous donor.
- Our Faith Formation program began classes yesterday; we have 130 students in grades K-5, and 81 students in grades 6-8.
- This year's Tastefest, held on Saturday September 26, was successful; the raffle winners were listed in last weekend's bulletin.
- This weekend SHINE, the parish youth group, will be holding its 30 hour famine (in which the young people go 30 hours without eating as a way of expressing solidarity with malnourished people around the world). On Saturday October 17 SHINE will host a spaghetti dinner in the parish hall as a fundraiser, benefiting their trip to Washington D.C. next January for the annual March for Life.
- On the weekend of October 17-18, a priest from Cross International Catholic Outreach will be speaking at all the Masses (allowing me to attend the annual Marian Conference at Boyne Mountain).
- A Basic Evangelization Training Workshop will be held this Friday and Saturday at St. Mary Parish in Port Huron, presented by the St. Paul Street Evangelization ministry (7-10pm Friday, 9am-3pm Saturday).
- The *Christlife* retreat will be Saturday October 24, marking the end of this year's program; a Rite of Commissioning for the Christlife participants will be held at all the Masses that weekend.



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- The Archdiocese of Detroit will be holding a special assembly just over a year from now called Synod '16. On November 18-20, 2016, 400 members, including lay representatives from every parish, along with clergy and lay ministers, will gather together in Detroit to draw up recommendations for the Archbishop; those recommendations he accepts will be officially promulgated on Pentecost Sunday in 2017. Each parish is in the process of submitting several names as possible delegates; the applications will be reviewed by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC), and those persons selected will be notified by the end of the calendar year. There will be a series of meetings and presentations for all interested Catholics in preparation for the Synod.
- We congratulate one of our parishioners, David Tomaszynski, who was ordained a deacon in Rome this past Thursday, October 1. (His priestly ordination is tentatively scheduled for here in Detroit next May 14, with his first Mass to be here at I.C. the following day.)

**FINANCE COUNCIL – no report – no minutes.**

### **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Worship Commission** – minutes attached.

- Last month's Mass of Reparation had about 130 people in attendance – the largest number ever. This month's Mass will be held on Monday October 19.
- The bell choir's new set of hand chimes was officially blessed prior to the 10am Mass this past Sunday.
- The annual blessing of pets was held this past Friday afternoon; approximately two dozen pets (mainly dogs) were present.
- Training for new altar servers will be completed this Saturday, and the newly trained servers will be officially installed this weekend.

**Stewardship Commission** – minutes attached.

**Christian Service Commission** – minutes attached.

**Education Commission** – minutes attached.

**Long Term Planning** – minutes attached.

**Vicariate Pastoral Council (VPC)** - minutes attached.

**Evangelization** - minutes attached.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **OPEN FORUM:**

- 308 Baby Bottles were distributed for the baby bottle collection supporting life issues.

**Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:45 PM.**

**Next Meeting:** December 1, 2015 following the 6:30 PM Mass

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted:** Amy O'Gara, Recording Secretary