

**PPC Meeting Agenda: 7pm-9pm  
4/18/12**

Attendance: Larry Wong, Roger Krohe, Sr. Caritas Wehrman, Cita Orendain, Jade Yee, Sheila Lin, John Lin, Steven Cottam, Wendy Sin, George Lee, and Fr. Francis Li

**Opening Prayer** – Fr. Li

**Sharing** – Reflecting on the coming Year of Sunday Mass

Perhaps the prayers of the faithful can be more applicable to the challenges of daily life  
Not many other thoughts – perhaps something to mull over and return to...

**Reports** from parish organizations/committees

Liturgy: delegates installation mass planning for June 10<sup>th</sup> installation to PPC

Facilities: insurance contract was sent over from contractors, but without a date- they will contact us when they are ready to start tuckpointing again. The bulbs will be planted in the garden next Sunday (4/29). No news on windows, because we can't move on that project until tuckpointing is over.

CCD/RCIA: CCD is planning and helping at the Mother's Day (5/13) mass and will have a breakfast for mothers. The CCD students have also been urged to learn more songs. First Communion Retreat, 4/29. First Communion, 5/6. Confirmation, 5/27. An adult has been added to the Confirmation program, upping the number to 8. English RCIA is over for this year; Mandarin RCIA continues to meet until mid-June. September will start the 2012-2013 RCIA year.

Youth Ministry: Upcoming Confirmation retreat on Saturday 5/12. Chicago Fire game with YAM on Wed. May 9 at 7:30pm. Bowling in late May/early June. Vicariate III start-up program begins at the end of May – Steven is hoping to participate and Fr. Li is looking for others who might be interested.

YAM: YAM did recent CASL volunteer program, and St. James work. Monthly events will be announced in the bulletin.

**Evaluations**

Lent: Weekly accessibility of stations was appreciated. Parish took a group to volunteer at Sister House. Conversion stories were seen as a good start toward sharing personal thoughts and feelings more as a parish. At the retreat there was a lot of positive feedback about the reflection where each person takes a character from the Passion and imagines the events from their perspective. Stations and sharing also seemed like a good, non-threatening way for new people to be invited in to the parish. Everyone who participated in the event got a lot out of it; so our room for improvement is advertising and inviting more people to participate – perhaps replicating this experience elsewhere in the year. Ash Wednesday was also a very successful experience; many, many people attended and the liturgy was well done.

Triduum and Easter: Holy week at St. Therese really kindles a strong sense of community. Visitation of the Churches was very well done.

On both points Fr. Li thanked everyone who helped for all their hard work.

### **Planning/Following-up**

Bulletin: We are going to start making the bulletin completely on our own! We need to determine the going rate for advertisements (how much do we charge?). We need to get a letter from the parish, a contract written up, a list of businesses, and then salespeople to go out and actually sell; our biggest problem at the moment is manpower. The contracts will be for one year. Some cursory volunteers are: Solicitation - Roger and Cita; Letter-writing - Sr. Caritas; Publishing design - George, Steven, and Gus.

Taize: Bro. Emmanuel is coming this Sunday, April 22. It was posted on Facebook; invite your friends. Everything is ready.

Our Lady of China 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012: We are considering making this a pilgrimage from St. Therese. Information will be made available at the entrance of the Church. We will start signing up people this coming weekend. We are looking into perhaps chartering a bus, if we have enough interest. Registration/expression of interest is due to George by May 31, 2012.

Installation Mass (June 10<sup>th</sup>): This is also Corpus Christi. We will have a Lion dance. Wendy is heading up invitations, Jade is heading up decorations, and George is heading up reception. John is heading up a parish children's dance. Lily and Mrs. Fernando are getting the children's choir ready to sing at mass. The prayer of the faithful will be read in different languages- Sr. Caritas, Jade, and Fr. Li will write them. We would also like to do some of the readings in different languages. This multi-lingual approach will require a worship aid. In May we will finalize what is involved in the actual ceremony of installation.

### **Other Matters**

Strengths of our parish and weaknesses of our parish- every PPC member was invited to fill out a notecard identifying some of each. Fr. Li will share the results at the next PPC meeting. Perhaps we can sign up for the Archdiocesan parish renewal program? In order to do so we need to have 30 parish leaders who will commit to being involved. Fr. Li will bring more information next meeting.

### **Closing Prayer – Sr. Caritas**

Next PPC meeting: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in the Community room.