

Meeting Pastoral Care Group (Victor end) 2012-09-01

- Meeting opened 4:30pm
 - Those present: Father Charles Gauci, Len Fracek, Margaret Fracek, John Baker, Margaret Halton, Margaret Peake, Patricia Dowd, Theresa Santos, Gill Wilson and Maureen Farmer.
 - Apologies: Bev Murray and Helen Sampson.
- a) Welcome and prayers by Father Charles.
 - b) What will be the role of the Parish Pastoral Care Group?
 - c) Really care for the needs of the Parish worshipping community.
 - d) Margaret Fracek asked about nursing home visits for our group.
 - e) Father Charles reported Deacon Pat Edwards was handling hospital and nursing home ministries.
 - f) Father mentioned one of the plans for us is to wear name badges and greet any visitors.
 - g) Not to intrude but use a phrase like; “Have I met you before?” “What is your name?”
 - h) Father mentioned he knew personally of people, former Catholic worshipers, who had left us for the apparently more friendly charismatic denominations of Christ’s Church.
 - i) John mentioned one of our parishioners, Jocelyne Randabel-Williamson who had a similar experience and had contacted him earlier this evening and had recommended we have a book called “If you are new please place your name in the book” for newcomers to allow a PP or one of the Pastoral Care Group to follow up.
 - j) The question was asked “Why are we reluctant about meeting people?”
 - k) Father mentioned, the world was a changing place, we had the Catholic clan, we all knew each other, but not necessarily now with the modern world, modern means of communication changing many things. Secular society has taken over many of the roles and Sacraments of the Church. We cannot take people for granted.
 - l) We should institute a children’s ministry, Father has been talking with Investigator College about this and wishes for those with Catechumen’s training experience to come forward.
 - m) It was suggested the columbarium should be fenced and a registry of graves be attended to.
 - n) A curator of the columbarium could arrange with the Gardening Group for a rosemary hedge.
 - o) Father mentioned we could have home visits to former parishioners.
 - p) Margaret Peake was nominated and accepted to be the contact person for the Group.
 - q) Maybe the only reason some people don’t still come to Mass is they feel the church does not care if they fall sick and no one gets in touch or maybe they had a falling out with someone and all it would need is an apology to mend fences.
 - r) If a book was set out as a register of Parish name tag wearers, the parish would arrange for their manufacture, cover costs and Father would talk to Margaret Meade and Kevin about arranging the matter.
 - s) Father Charles will spend the first weekend in each month in Victor/Goolwa Parish.
 - t) All groups are open to all interested Parishioners.
 - u) A Parish Directory will be generated from data collected on the spreadsheet.
 - v) A survey form “I would like to offer my services to the Parish” could be manufactured.
 - w) Next meeting 4:30pm Sat 6th October 2012 in the Annex at St Joan’s Victor Harbor.
- Meeting concluded at 5:30pm.