

**Minutes**  
**St. Gregory the Great Parish**  
**Meeting February 24, 2003**

**Present:** Father Arrando, Steve Crespo, Janice Rudisill, Paul Valeri, Rocco Colucci, Donna Strosser, and Kathy Kelly

**Absent:** Ed DeVeaux and Pat Murphy

**Special Guest:** MaryAnn Houser – Director of Faith Formation

**Minutes:** Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**Opening Prayer:** Janice Rudisill

**Diocese 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

**MaryAnn Houser**

- ✓ MaryAnn had received additional information from the Diocese regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary that she wanted to pass on to the Council.
- ✓ The Diocese has provided a special logo for the celebration.
- ✓ The theme chosen by the Diocese will be “One Family in Faith”, and will continue through Pentecost in 2004.
- ✓ Bishop Lori will be providing Reconciliation every Tuesday during Lent this year. The closest Sacrament to us will be held at St. Joe’s in Brookfield on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. However, this will conflict with our prescheduled Parish Mission. Therefore we are excused from attending the Sacrament.
- ✓ There will be a series of lectures for the Jubilee. The History of the Diocese will take place on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Diocese will provide one lecture spoken completely in Spanish. They will also issue a pastoral letter on Ash Wednesday. There will also be a series of Eucharistic adorations starting on Easter Sunday. Ours will be held on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ There will be a Youth Rally sometime in May, and in September Cardinal Avery Dulles will be here.
- ✓ Rocco showed everyone a conceptual drawing of our Caravan of Faith Banner. It was quite impressive. Rocco definitely captured the theme.

**Building Committee Report:**

**Paul Valeri**

- ✓ Everything is now starting to come together. Paul has submitted the applications for the building permits.
- ✓ Westchester Modular is late with the drawings; however, this will not affect our price. We were locked in as contracts were signed prior to December 2002. They should have the drawings finished soon.
- ✓ We have received preliminary approval on the water and septic.
- ✓ The timing of the rectory will work well with spring around the corner.
- ✓ Paul is also negotiating the gas line setup.

## **Pastor's Report:**

**Fr. Arrando**

- ✓ We are about to begin the Annual Bishop's Appeal. This year our assessment is \$78,000.00.
- ✓ Father wants us to have a "call-a-thon" on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> as he will be doing the in-pew solicitation that weekend (March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> ).
- ✓ Steve will contact Paul Swenson to make arrangements for use of the firm's phones for the two evenings.
- ✓ Father needs a schedule of Council members that will assist with the in-pew solicitation.
- ✓ Thanks to those who attended the Bishop's Mass.
- ✓ "Soup & ..." begins Wed., March 12<sup>th</sup>. St. Greg's is first this year.
- ✓ The Holocaust Memorial will be held here on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm. Update on Rocco's proposal of "reflection time" during Mass. This will take more time than anticipated. Father suggests starting with a series of Bulletin announcements. Followed with small pieces from the pulpit. Father believes we should go over Liturgy from the beginning so the parishioners will know why things are the way they are. This will begin with the first Sunday in Lent. Father wants the Council to support the initiation of this process. The Council members present agreed to support Father in this endeavor.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Parish and Community Life:**

**Donna Strosser**

- ✓ Donna suggested reviving *The Gregorian*. So many things are happening in the Parish. She believes it will be another avenue to people to know what's going on.
- ✓ Donna would also like to see an implementation of the greeter program. This was done during "Family of God", however it died out. Maybe the Council members could do this.
- ✓ The school will hold a Spring Fair on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Janice had a question regarding calendar scheduling. Donna stated that ALL requests are entered on a "first come, first served" basis.

### **Christian Services Committee:**

**Janice Rudisill**

- ✓ Janice will be meeting with both CACD and the Women's Shelter. She believes that Social Concerns should be run 365 days per year, not just on Thanksgiving and Christmas. However, there are other types of assistance that are required year round.
- ✓ Thanks to lots of help and coordination, this year's distribution went well.
- ✓ Paul said there are new housing possibilities available for those in need.
- ✓ There was a suggestion to incorporate special needs into the weekly social concerns column.

Pasta Dinner for the parishioners will take place on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Janice would like the Priests and Deacons available for this event. There will be flyers in the Bulletin, and flyers sent out through Faith Formation to spread the word.. Let's let the parishioners meet and talk to the

**Christian Education and Formation:**

✓ Pat was present, but had nothing to report.

**Pat Murphy**

**Spiritual Life and Worship:**

✓ Rocco was present, but had nothing to report.

**Rocco Colucci**

**Our next meeting full council meeting is scheduled for Monday,  
March 17, 2003 @ 7:00pm in the school.**

**Closing Prayer:** Rocco Colucci

Respectfully submitted: Steve Crespo