

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
March 6, 2012

Members Present: Barbara Burkhardt, Kim Cernek, Tom Cordaro, Desmond Curran, Dan Dulik, Gus Fischer, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Steve Schroeder, Terry Wagner, Larry Williams

Members Absent: Divia Ludwig, Sue Schroeder

Pastoral Council President Desmond Curran called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in Room 8 at SMMP. Kim Cernek opened with a Scripture reading, followed by a guided prayer activity. .

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2012 MINUTES:

The Pastoral Council approved the minutes from February 7, 2012, as separate from the attached Commission and Ad Hoc Committee Reports, including several changes discussed at tonight's meeting. Gus Fischer moved, Larry Williams seconded, and the Council unanimously approved. These minutes, along with the Commission and Ad Hoc Committee Reports, will now be posted to the Council's web page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parish Town Hall Meeting (5/22/12): After noting numerous schedule conflicts, Council re-set and confirmed the Parish Town Hall Meeting date for 5/22/12 at 7:30 p.m.

S.H.I.N.E. Mission Trip (6/25-30/12): In order for the SMMP high school students to be able to participate in the upcoming S.H.I.N.E. (Catholic Work Camp) Mission Trip, they still critically need one male chaperone over the age of 25, although adult male chaperones would be preferred. It was not yet known whether or not adult chaperones could share part-week duties for this, although this would not be preferred. Please contact Candy Rice or Arlene Serio about this.

St. Patrick's Fundraiser Dinner (3/17/12 – 6-9 p.m., SMMP): Volunteer help is still needed for this dinner, including ticket sales and decorating (on Saturday morning) – please contact Arlene Serio to volunteer. Proceeds from this dinner fundraiser will go toward SMMP's youth mission programs.

Holy Thursday Liturgy -- "Washing of the Feet" (4/5/12 – 7:30 p.m.): Nancy Rutkowski, Christian Worship Commission, has requested that two male and two female (preferably new) Council Members, along with both an additional male and female Council Member (as alternates), sign up to wash feet at the Holy Thursday liturgy. Desmond will provide Nancy with the names of Kim Cernek and Barbara Burkhardt (with Divia Ludwig as an alternate), along with Terry Wagner and Larry Williams (with

Steve Schroeder as an alternate) for this. Nancy will contact these Council Members with more details shortly about this.

DuPage County Hounds (Baseball) Church Days: Council expressed its interest in signing up SMMP for one of the available June-July 2012 DuPage County Hounds Youth Baseball (free) church days at Benedictine University Sports Complex, Lisle. The DuPage County Hounds is a new Midwest collegiate baseball team. [“The franchise...will feature some of the top collegiate baseball players not only in the area, but all over the United States. Summer college players utilize wooden bats during the summer as they enhance their skills in preparation for being drafted into Major League Baseball organizations”]. Larry Williams offered to pursue this follow-up and report back to Council.

Interfaith Group’s Space Request at SMMP: Tom Cordaro, Justice/Outreach Minister and Staff Representative to Pastoral Council, reported that the Bahá’í Faith Group has requested use of meeting room space at SMMP for a small fee on five dates during March-June 2012. They have already provided a certificate of insurance for this, with Tom noting that there is room space (for the Upper Room, COR Center, or Parish Center) available on these requested dates. Both Fr. Paul and Tom noted that this was a way for SMMP to offer hospitality to this interfaith group.

CHURCH LIGHTING REPORT: Following up on the report on the lighting project from Deacon Ken and the members of the Administration Commission last month, a question was raised about whether further clarity is needed on who would have what role with respect to the lighting project. **Council was in consensus that the Administration Commission, in subsidiarity, is the appropriate body to engage a lighting professional in a competitive bid process to provide the parish with one or more proposed designs for new church lighting, though the Council is interested in hearing back from Administration on the progress of the project and the design(s) obtained.**

In addition, **Council was in consensus about authorizing Deacon Ken Miles to form a fundraising committee for new church lighting.**

Council also highlighted the need for good communication about this project, especially between the Administration Commission and this new Church Lighting Fundraising Committee. It was also noted that it is important for the Worship Commission and members of the Church to receive information about this important project as well

Terry Wagner, Administration Commission Representative and Finance Committee Head, noted that this Commission will be holding its March meeting shortly.

2012/13 BUDGET PREPARATION PROCESS: Terry Wagner reminded the Commissions about their 2012/13 budget request submission deadline on 3/31/12. He also recommended that each Commission utilize their designated Finance Committee

liaison for assistance with this. Terry noted that he had recently presented about the budget to the Christian Worship Commission at the request of Gus Fischer.

Terry reported that he will have January 2012 financial data to report to Council at next month's meeting. These January actuals might help provide better information about a possible slight upward trending being seen in recent collections. This trending information is needed to better assist in making 2012/13 budget assumptions. Meanwhile, the December 2011 financial statements (*6-Month Interim Financial Report for July 2011 to December 2011*) appeared in last week's parish bulletin. Council noted the positive statement that was used in this and expressed a preference to continue emphasizing the positive when possible.

The Council discussed whether or not the Council should adjust the budget goals which were decided at the last meeting. Rather than change the goals now without receiving input from the Commissions, it was decided to wait to hear back from the Commissions before considering any changes to the budget.

Council also discussed whether or not staff step bonuses be used, based on individual performance as well as parish budgetary surplus. No decision was made on this issue at the meeting, however.

Lastly, envelopes for Easter flowers were included in the recently mailed envelope packets. Special envelopes for Easter music contributions will be available shortly in the parish Narthex.

Following this, Council took a break from 8:15 -8:25 p.m., enjoying refreshments provided by Kim Cernek.

DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR NEW AT-LARGE MEMBERS: Barbara Burkhardt and Larry Williams updated Council about progress being made to contact parishioners for discernment as new At-Large Members for Pastoral Council, including those who were already on last year's list. Council was asked to also submit names of additional new individuals who might be excellent candidates. Mary Straub, Sr. Madelyn, and Fr. Paul have also been contacted about this already.

Larry Williams reported that he has already personally contacted three people to invite them to discern about new At-Large Membership to Pastoral Council, with one expressing interest in this. Barbara Burkhardt also reported having recently received 19 additional parishioner names to contact about this.

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR FUNDRAISING: [*SMMP Fundraising Committee January Report Submitted by Steve Schroeder 1/31/12* was electronically sent by Steve Schroeder in advance, a copy of which is attached hereto].

Due to last month's lengthy Council meeting, discussion pertaining to the Ad Hoc Committee for Fundraising was deferred to this month's meeting. Steve Schroeder reported that an article about bequests has only appeared once within the past eight weeks in the parish bulletin. It was recommended that he specifically request that Mary Straub, Parish Secretary & Bulletin Editor, now run this bequest article in the parish bulletin once monthly.

Council then discussed the estate planning seminar sample PowerPoint word slides, which were provided by the Huck Bouma Law Firm for Council's advance review. While there was some feedback that this appeared to be a very complicated presentation, Steve reported that some seniors in his family had previously attended a similar presentation made by this law firm and had appeared to understand it.

Although a disclaimer would be extremely important about SMMP's not endorsing the Huck Bouma Law Firm, Fr. Paul indicated interest in holding an estate planning seminar conducted by this firm at SMMP. Mike Prus, Parish Business Manager, needs to be contacted by Steve about available dates and times for this seminar.

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNICATION: [*Communication Committee Report--February 2012* was electronically sent by Desmond Curran in advance, a copy of which is attached hereto].

[*Attributes/Values/Principles that Tell Who We Are: Identified at the Council/Staff Workshop, January 7, 2012* was electronically sent by Tom Cordaro in advance, a copy of which is attached hereto].

Due to last month's late meeting hour, discussion pertaining to the Ad Hoc Committee for Communication was deferred until this month's meeting. At tonight's meeting, Council discussed some suggested changes to the parish website, noting the need for it to be more "user friendly," while also having a special "feel" which would reflect our parish community. A "YouTube" link on the parish website might be beneficial, too. Desmond briefly reviewed ideas which were raised by Sue Schroeder in December, which could help form the framework for a communication strategy as it pertained to the parish website: a) the site should draw people to our site; b) the site should energize our parish; and c) the site should let people know who we are. Dan Dulik will talk with Jim Krema about the possibility of moving forward with changes to the website.

OTHER:

Buffalo Wild Wings-Naperville Fundraiser: Steve Schroeder stated that another fundraising opportunity is now available for SMMP through Buffalo Wild Wings-Naperville (2555 W. 75th St. - #103) for dine-in purchases. A tentative date of 4/29/12 is currently offered for this – Steve will follow up with contacting them about this. It was also noted that 4/29/12 is SMMP's First Holy Communion date, but it was thought that this shouldn't necessarily stand in the way of a possible parish fundraising opportunity.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Administration: According to Terry Wagner, Administration Representative and Finance Committee Head, the Commission did not meet this past month. There was no report.

Christian Worship (CWC): [*Christian Worship Commission Report – March 2012* was electronically submitted by Gus Fischer in advance, a copy of which is attached hereto].

Gus Fischer, CWC Representative, reported that Terry Wagner's recent presentation to the CWC about the 2012-13 Parish Budget Preparation was "excellent," with Terry's having provided very understandable explanations. The CWC spent much time afterwards in working on their budget requests. The CWC's next meeting will be on 3/15/12, with hopes to finalize their 2012/13 budget by then.

Deacon Ken Miles reviewed liturgical needs for Holy Week, in preparation for the Easter season. An article will run in this coming Sunday's parish bulletin seeking additional lector, sacristan, greeter, and Art & Environment volunteers to be "trained" and ready to serve by Holy Week. There will also be a Memorial Mass for Kristine Schlaman (sister of John Schlaman, Music Director) on 3/17/12 at 10:00 a.m.

Council inquired about the possibility of having hymn lyrics projected on the brick wall above the altar in a darkened church for the Holy Thursday liturgy (in a similar format to that used for SMMP's recent Lenten Taizé service).

Christian Education (CEC): [*Christian Education Commission March Report* was electronically submitted by Kim Cernek in advance, a copy of which is attached hereto].

Kim Cernek, CEC Representative, reported about Jr. High-Journey information, which was submitted to her late. She noted that the 7th Grade Retreat is postponed, due to low enrollment numbers with its having been scheduled during a long weekend. Some of the Journey students will lead Stations of the Cross on 3/9/12 at 7:30 p.m. at SMMP.

Christian Service (CSC): [*CSC March 2012 Report* was electronically submitted by Tom Cordaro in advance, a copy of which is attached hereto].

Divia Ludwig, CSC Representative, was absent from tonight's meeting. There were no questions posed about CSC.

CHARTER FOR COMPASSION: [*Resolution in Support of the City of Naperville Becoming a Signatory to the Charter of Compassion* was electronically submitted by Tom Cordaro in advance, a copy of which is attached hereto].

Due to time constraints, Council deferred discussion about the proposal made by Tom Cordaro, Justice/Outreach Minister, for the Council to pass a resolution endorsing the effort to have the City of Naperville become a signatory to the Charter of Compassion.

This is part of the interfaith effort to promote religious tolerance and respect in our community.

The text of the Charter for Compassion can be found at: <http://charterforcompassion.org/share/the-charter> -- the video reading of it is embedded at the bottom of the same page or can be found at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wktlwCPDd94&feature=player_embedded.

Following this, Council met in Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to consider a proposed change to the staff structure.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd in Room 8 (St. Margaret Mary Parish), starting at 7:00 p.m.

*April Opening and Closing Prayer: Dan Dulik
April Refreshments: Dan Dulik*

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Ligner Steury
Recording Secretary

**SMMP Fundraising Committee
January Report
Submitted by Steve Schroeder
1/31/12**

New Fundraising Initiative/current status of exiting:

- Bequests – Bulletin article will be appear shortly and run periodically when there is space available.
- Tony Brandolino, Chief Development Officer for Diocese of Joliet does not have list of Law Firms for Estate Planning. An area he needs to develop.
- Huck Bouma Law Firm Estate Planning Seminar. Please see other attachment.
- Of interest, to amend an existing Will to add a bequest to SMMP is fairly reasonable. However, if a Will must be created and/or a trust (depending on the circumstances of the individual or couple) costs start to add up. The down side of not having a Will or Trust is probate court.
- Assuming an Estate Planning seminar is held, Council will need to strongly consider issuing some sort of disclaimer stating we are not recommending a particular law firm or lawyer.

Future fundraising under consideration:

- Dan Dulik, Brian Churilla, Bob Hansen and I have selected Buffalo Wild Wings on 75th as the restaurant we will partner with for a fundraiser. Bob will work out arrangements with the restaurant manager. More details to come.
- Gus Fisher to work on bulletin article for one-time special collection for Missal change costs. .

Recommendations for Parish Council to approve:

- 1) We would like Parish Council approve to run a bulletin article (similar to prior article) for a special collection for flowers and music for Lent/Easter.

**Communication Committee Report
February 2012**

Though no new meeting was held by this group in January, the previously-reported efforts at working on communication have continued this month.

Tom Cordaro submitted a report from the entire leadership community's consideration of the overall message we want to convey in communicating our parish to others.

The Telling Our Story subcommittee is now planning 5 stories about people and activities in our parish that will be celebrated. The first story written by parishioner Cabrina Atall about Jim Vahle's mission to a Navajo reservation in Arizona was published in the bulletin in January.

With respect to the parish website, Sue Schroeder raised in December the following possible ideas that could help form the framework for a communication strategy as it pertained to the website: a) the site should draw people to our site; b) the site should energize our parish; and c) the site should let people know who we are. We did not pick up this issue last month given the plan to look at the overall parish message at our leadership community meeting in January.

At the January leadership community meeting, we discussed suggestions for the bulletin, some of which mirrored comments from the communication focus group in October. It was also noted that the bulletin has changed from a revenue center to a cost center due to its substantially greater size. The consensus from the leadership community meeting is that Mary Straub should be consulted with respect to any ideas for the bulletin, given her years of experience with the bulletin.

With respect to Hospitality Sundays, Mary TeVogt has met with both Cami Prebish (the current volunteer coordinator for Hospitality Sundays) and Mike Prus, expressed her interest in implementing her ideas about positive adjustments to these current events. Both were very receptive and Mary is moving forward with some adjustments, beginning as early as this coming Sunday. The plan is to make small adjustments at first, possibly building up to a collection jar for free will offerings, with some of the logistics about her ideas for changes still to be worked out. If anyone has ideas about whether/how to implement her idea about DVDs for children to encourage folks to linger after Mass or if anyone is interested in helping Mary with her efforts, please contact her as it sounded like more volunteers could help.

Questions for Consideration by Council:

1. Are we prepared to pass on to the website committee Sue's ideas about the overall strategy for the parish website or do we want to change or supplement them in any way, perhaps based upon our leadership community work in January?
 2. What are your thoughts about the materials Tom previously submitted on our overall message?
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Attributes/Values/Principles that Tell Who We Are

Identified at the Council/Staff Workshop, January 7, 2012

Service to others – local/Global (7)

Community / Family (7)

Beyond Sunday (6)

Fun, Joyful, Energetic (4)

We are **more than a Sunday morning Parish**. We are life-long learners; deepening our faith and spiritual formation in order to better live out our beliefs at home, at work and school and in our community.

- Loved by God we are a **celebrating, joyful and energetic community**.
 - Gifted by the Holy Spirit we cherish each other as members of **one family**.
 - Called by God **we serve those in need** at home and around the world.
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Barb Burkhardt suggested the following changes:

i love it!!

One thing I might suggest is to consider change the wording just a tad....

- Loved by God we are a **celebrating, joyful and energetic community**.
- Called by Jesus **we serve those in need** at home and around the world.
- Gifted by the Holy Spirit we cherish each other as members of **one family**.

(Father, Son, Holy Spirit, in that order!!!)

Submitted by Tom Cordaro

Christian Worship Commission Report March 2012

Music Ministry: Since John had to leave for choir rehearsal. He reported that they were starting to practice for Easter. "In the Spirit of Taize" held on February 24th, was well attended, and very moving.

Terry Wagner gave us the 2012-13 Budget Presentation. He did an excellent job of explaining just where we were financially. He answered all the questions from the members

After Terry left, we spent considerable time going over our budget, and discussing ways that could result in a lower budget. At our next meeting, all members should be ready to discuss next year's budget. Since John Schlaman was not present for this discussion, I went to see him on Friday, bring him up to date on what we hope to accomplish at the next meeting.

Deacon Ken gave us the new Liturgical needs for Lent/Holy Week.

All commissions are beginning to make preparations for our Easter Season.

Lectors, Sacristans, Art & Environment, and Greeters are all in need of additional help. An ad will appear in this week's bulletin seeking additional help.

There will be Memorial Mass for Kristine Schlaman on March 17th at 10:00 AM.

Our next meeting will be March 15th in the COR Center starting at 7:00 PM

Submitted by Gus Fischer

Christian Education Commission
March Report
Submitted by Kim Cernek
3/5/12

Religious Education, PreK-Grade 5

- A Communion Bread Service combined with the second parent and child meeting was held on Tuesday, February 28 and February 29.

- Approximately 100 children participated in the First Communion Retreat on March 3.
- The 4:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday prayer service on February 22 was so well attended that many were standing in the Narthex. Chairs will be set up there next year, and people will be invited to sit in the choir loft per John Schlaman.
- Children will collect money for the Catholic Relief Service Rice Program for their Lenten almsgiving program. Extra rice bowls were shared with All Saints Catholic Academy to be contributed to SMMP's donation.

Junior High, Journey

- No report submitted.

Senior High, Quest

- No report submitted.

Adult Faith Formation

- The Bible Study of the Gospel and Letters of John will end on March 13 and resume in the fall with a focus on I and II Corinthians.
- Tom Cordaro presented *What Is Real Security, Real Wealth?* for the Business Breakfast on February 18 and Paul Jarzembowski will discuss social media on March 24.
- 175 people attended the February 9 Lenten Threads events that included a burning of palms by Ray Jeffries, a blessing by Ken Miles, and a puppet show by Glory Fingers Puppeteers.

All Saints Catholic Academy

- The school began a new campaign called *Kindness Is Spoken Here* to promote conversation amongst students that is more Christ-like in tone and content. This program includes a viewing of a film titled *Finding Kind* (ASCA on March 19 at 7:00 p.m.), classroom conversations, and implementation of the Second-Step Curriculum.
- Seventh Grade will present the Last Supper on Holy Thursday on April 5.

CEC will meet next on Thursday, March 8, 2012.



CSC March, 2012 Report

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Our Bereavement meeting was held 2/22/12 and we had a guest speaker, Lynne Staley, a grief recovery expert who works at the RUAH center in Downtown Naperville. She gave us some great thoughts and ideas on grief. She handed each of us a red button ...and said let this be a reminder that you "are a heart with ears," she will be a wonderful resource person for our group. We had 5 client cases to call and we said prayers always for the families listed in the Book of Remembrance and our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st.

BLOOD DRIVE: No report for this month. Next blood drive is May 5th.

COMFORT CARE: There has been no activity in my committee until two weeks ago when we had a funeral luncheon for about 50 people at a cost of \$4/person. We had expected more. Have another funeral luncheon this Thursday, March 1st for 50 - 60 people. Also, in December served punch and cookies for attendees at the Mass on Remembrance.

DAYBREAK TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: We requested the donation of a car for our guest through the Men's Club and the Church bulletin and received prompt responses. As a committee, we are truly blessed to have such caring parishioners. (Her inquired into the availability of a car from Naperville Cares and was told there is a long wait.) Our guest will be graduating at the end of March and we will be interviewing a new guest in the next few weeks. When an individual graduates they are still offered the guidance of their case manager and the assistance of Catholic Charities for an additional 6 months. They can also call on their former mentors if they so wish, and the mentors can continue to help them if they are able to. Everything is done to assure their success in being on their own financially, and socially. We will be looking for new mentors and ways to assist the committee with more volunteers through notices in the bulletin.

MENS CLUB: The men's club met February 21st in the parish center. Fifty-three men with their spouses attended the meeting. The meal was delicious. A special speaker, Bishop Siegel spoke about Lenten season. The men approved a \$2,000 donation to contribute towards the new recently installed alter lighting. A review of the recent bingo and card night and planning for "April in Parish" annual service projects were presented. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

PADS: SMMP ministry for the homeless continues, thanks to help of MANY dedicated volunteers. Every Thursday night we open our doors to offer hospitality, a warm place to spend the night, a clean bed, a nutritious dinner and breakfast, and a lunch to take with them. On some nights, members of our Legion of Mary have stopped by to pray the rosary with guests, or other churches have offered Bible-study opportunities. The guests really appreciate the laundry service that we provide. Our "pot roast Thursday" continues to be a very popular (and nourishing) dinner offered by our Parish. Thanks to Pat Bush, our cook this year, and an excellent recipe that has become a parish tradition!

Typical number of guests has been 40 - 50, and highly variable; our limit has been increased to a maximum of 70 overnight guests. Fortunately, we have never had to turn anyone away due to the number of beds, although we have come close on a few occasions. Recently, the number of families has been small; PADS feels this may be because they are finding other opportunities, such as church-sponsored funding for hotels, transitional housing, etc.

We have again been partnering this year with St. Elizabeth Seton (1st week); Naperville Christian (2nd week) and St. John Lutheran, Darien (4th week). SMMP has been providing food/hospitality on the third week; and has taken on a limited role, working with PADS volunteers, to provide breakfast /cleanup on the 2nd Friday, since Naperville Christian only provides setup and dinner (PADS has been providing overnight support that week. Hopefully the families are finding other opportunities for food and shelter.

We have had a couple of Friday mornings this winter where SMMP stayed open later (9AM) due to snow emergencies (normally leave by 7AM), to allow the guests someplace warm and safe to stay until daylight and wait until the roads were better cleared. Transportation to/from the SMMP site is one of the biggest challenges for the guests, since there is only limited accessibility by bus, several blocks walk to the nearest stops, and the buses only run limited hours, and not on holidays. For that reason, primarily guests with

cars stay at our site; obviously the rising cost of gasoline and automobile maintenance is another concern for them.

Thanks to the youth who participated in the parish Sleep Out, our PADS ministry benefited from their fund-raising, as well as their prayers and heightened awareness of the needs of the homeless.

PEACE & JUSTICE ADVISORY WORKING GROUP: The past month the group has been planning a special Peace & Justice Stations of the Cross which will take place on Friday, March 2nd at 7:30 pm. Also this past month the group organized the parish social mission week entitled, "Fear Not, Declaring an End to Insiders & Outsiders." The focus for this social mission week was on affordable housing in Naperville. Parishioners were invited to sign up to become advocates of affordable housing in Naperville. Approximately 70 people signed up.

SCOUTS: Troop 507's Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, June 3rd, 2012.

SEPTEMBER CLUB: On February 1, 2012 members of the September Club gathered for an early Valentines Day party. Members were asked to bring a signed valentine to share. In attendance were 41 members including two Clergy and one Religious. Lunch was provided by B & B Catering and desserts were prepared by several members. The formal program consisted of a presentation by Mr. Joseph Rybski representing Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services. He explained that Visiting Angels provides seniors and adults with the needed assistance to continue living at home and went into some detail explaining the services available. He also answered various questions regarding costs and Medicare coverage or the lack of it. He also distributed brochures and hand sanitizers. As is the monthly custom, January and February birthdays and anniversaries were recognized and members were asked to pray for ill members.

SHARING PARISH: Tamale sales are continuing with the next delivery projected to be March 11. The Consecration Mass for the new Sacred Heart Church will be held on Sunday, March 4. Hams and grocery gift cards are being collected for Easter donations for needy families at Sacred Heart, St. Nicholas, and SMMP. Gift cards should be dropped off at the parish office or put in the collection basket by April 3; hams may be brought to the parish office on April 3.

St. JOSEPH THE WORKER EMPLOYMENT GROUP: We had a meeting on February 15th at Southminister Church in Glen Ellyn attended by three men and four volunteers. The speaker was Jerry Falasy who spoke about the ins and outs of the COBRA health insurance program from the government. We wrote an updated letter on the relocation details of our meeting places.

Submitted by Tom Cordaro

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*Resolution in Support of
the City of Naperville Becoming a Signatory
to the Charter of Compassion*

As members of the Parish Council of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Parish we offer our support and endorsement of the City of Naperville becoming a signatory to the Charter of Compassion. As a community organization that works with volunteers and clients from all walks of life and religious beliefs, we believe that the principles enshrined in the Charter of Compassion reflect the values and principles of St. Margaret Mary Parish. We believe that by becoming a signatory to the charter, the Naperville City Council will be acknowledging and affirming the compassionate work already being done in the community by local organizations and congregations.

Submitted by Tom Cordaro