

CHURCH OF ST THOMAS MORE
Interior Design Team Meeting
Discussion of Crucifix/Corpus and Artists
March 13, 2012

Present: Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor; Kathy Arciero, Charlene Buhlert, Diana Diaz, Mario Diaz, Lorraine Doering, Pat Goscienski, Phil Goscienski, Douglas Lynn, Sondra Parks, Chris Smith, Kathleen Quinn.

Absent: Robert Habiger, Mary Castle, Ann Eriksson

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM with the Prayer of Dedication.

- **Review of protocol for minutes**

Minutes of the meetings will be compiled and sent to Father Michael Ratajczak for his review and approval.

His revised minutes will be sent to Phil and Pat Goscienski, Team Leaders for the Interior Design Team.

With their approval the minutes will be sent to Team Members who will have one week to review.

After the week, any changes, suggestions, revisions from Team Members will be sent to Father Michael Ratajczak for his final review. Then the minutes will be posted to the Parish Website.

It was the consensus of the Interior Design Team that the minutes should focus only on the agenda items. Opinions should be eliminated, and only final Interior Design Team decisions should be included in the minutes.

- **Review of artists' websites and discussion of the crucifix**

Illustrations from the websites for the artists Lynn Kircher and Jerzy Kenar were viewed by team members. These illustrations focused on images of the crucifixion. We are in the process of choosing which image we prefer and which artist can best create the work we envision.

The members discussed their opinions of the work of the two artists.

Discussion centered on the amount of realism of the crucifixion we envision in our crucifixion scene. Discussion also centered on what "moment" of the crucifixion we hope to capture in this art work.

Father Mike told us that we should select the artist before we decide on which "moment" of the crucifixion we prefer. The crucifix will be discussed further at the meeting on March 27.

A new portfolio was presented to the parish just today from Huberto Maestas. Lorraine will scan the portfolio and place it on the parish website so that Interior Design Team members may review it before our next meeting.

Presently we are reviewing the work of Jerzy Kenar, Lynn Kircher and Huberto Maestas as possible artists for the creation of the crucifixion scene.

- **Discussion of meeting start time**

Some members had asked to have the meetings begin at 6:30 PM. We decided to retain the 7:00 PM time and plan to have all meetings end by 9:00 PM or before.

- **Discussion of Mary's shrine**

Pat and Phil Goscienski urged us to see the shrine for Mary at St. Peter's Church in Fallbrook. Claire Wing was the artist. The shrine includes a depiction of Joseph as well. On March 27 at our next meeting we will discuss the shrine and whether we wish to include a depiction of Joseph, as part of the Marian shrine. Claire Wing also created a stained glass window at St. Peter's.

- **Report from Father Mike regarding his meeting with Renzo and Robert Habiger**

Recently Father Mike met with Renzo and Robert Habiger. He told us how well they work together. We are urged to choose the artists soon so that they can work with Renzo. Renzo has chosen the pews for the church. The pews will include the quiet kneelers; they will have no end caps and be of a light colored wood. He will provide samples for us soon.

- **Discussion of seat cushions for the pews**

Phil Goscienski offered the opinion that seat cushions for the pews might be considered. Issues to be considered are stains, children's accidents, the expense of cleaning and replacing the cushions. Another issue would be the effect on acoustics.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Quinn