

PARISH COUNCIL
ST. MARY CARMELITE CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1991

President Larry Seese called meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
Fr. Bob P. lead the opening prayer.

Present: Ralph and Sophronia Bias, Charles Conner, Pete Frausto, Dolores Gross, Paul Kaiser, Robert Kane, Michael Lyons, Rev. Robt. Primozic, Larry Seese.

Excused absence: Rev. Rocco Di Leonardi, Matthew Gross.

Guests: Eleanore Kohlbrecher, Helen Lyons, Mary Padley, Wil Tabor.

Partial Minutes of the March 5 meeting were read. Fr. Bob P. had the main body of the minutes printed in the Sunday bulletin on March 10 and entitled it: "The Cat on the Roof." Charles C. moved that both portions of the minutes be accepted as written.
Second - Paul K. Approved.

J.A.S. meeting will take place April 10 at St. Joe's park. This meeting will be chaired by Fr. Robert C. Howes, Consultant to the Joliet Diocese Area Study; Bishops Joseph Imesch and Roger Kaffer. Fr. Bob P., Larry S., Pete F., Matt & Dolores G., Eleanore K., Shirley R., will represent our parish.

J.A.C.O.B. representative Ralph B. will attend the next meeting at Sacred Heart Church.

A prayer service is scheduled to be held at St. Mary C. on Sunday, April 7, 3-4 p.m. Rosary will be led in both English and Spanish. This service is to be dedicated for the survival of St. Mary C. A petition is to be sent to the Bishop of Joliet. This will be made (petition) available to all parishioners at the Masses on April 6 and 7.

Larry S. wrote a letter to the Carmelite Provincial Fr. Quinn Connors and Commissary Provincial Fr. Robt. Colaresi regarding the Carmelite's remaining at St. Mary's. Fr. Quinn was unable to accept the invitation. Fr. Colaresi cited several dates in which he would be available for a meeting. Chuck C. moved that at this time Fr. Colaresi be put on hold. Second - Ralph. Approved.

Discussion ensued regarding how to convince the Hispanics to accept St. Mary's as their place of worship; change the Church name, repair interior and exterior of the Church building (Diocese), etc. Fr. Bob P. will contact Fr. Victor Lopez and make report to this Board by May 1 concerning Fr. Vic's knowledge regarding the parishioners of Mt. Carmel Chapel and the probability of their accepting St. Mary's as their new Church.

A letter is to be sent to Bishop Imesch and Fr. Colaresi asking for an extension on the life of St. Mary Carmelite Church. As a courtesy, Fr. Howes would be informed.

Paul K. suggested that the Parish Council talk about the possibility of the closing of St. Mary's. Questions: Are we going

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to have a special Mass, a dinner, a classic farewell to the Church that has served the people of Joliet for one hundred and twenty-four years? Decision: Saturday, June 29, 1991 is the date that was chosen to have a farewell Mass and dinner/music in the hall. All parishioners, various Organization members and former parishioners will be invited. Admission will be by ticket (can be picked up at the Rectory). The cost of the evening will be underwritten by St. Mary's treasury. A cash bar will be available. The Parish Council members will donate their services, where needed, for the success of this celebration. Discussed: a picture collage of St. Mary's from 1868 to 1991.

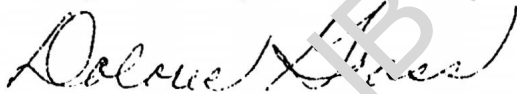
Fr. Bob P. stated that items such as the image of the Risen Christ, Stations of the Cross, statues, etc., etc., are the property of the Joliet Diocese. This includes the bank account of St. Mary's. The Carmelites can only remove their personal property.

Fr. Bob P. raised the question as to our pleasure regarding the Diocesan Appeal. It was decided that if St. Mary's is closed the appeal will not be made from the pulpit. Those parishioners who have given to the Appeal in the past will automatically receive an Appeal envelope in the mail. It will be left to the individuals discretion to act upon the Appeal.

Next Board meeting: May 1 (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

8:35 p.m. motion to adjourn was voiced. Second. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Dolores Gross, Secretary