

Pastoral Council 2.1.24 Notes

1) Discussion of the properties of:

a) St. Martin in St. Martin

- i) There is a priest of the Glenmary Home Missioners who have shown some degree of interest in preserving St. Martin church as it has historical value to them since their founder, Fr. Bishop was in residence there in 1937.
- ii) Frs. Cordonnier and Amberger met with a member of the Glenmarys who laid out some plans for the future of the property. One idea that was discussed was to restore it to the way the church looked in 1937.
- iii) The question is whether we are amenable to the possibility of continuing gauging the interest of the Glenmarys. The Pastoral Council has agreed that we should continue to discuss this matter with the Glenmarys.

b) St. Elizabeth closed church in Sardinia

- i) We are attempting to sell the property to the present renters who are a Baptist church after the lease runs out in about a year and a half. If they are unable to purchase the property then we will have to put it on the market.

2) Name for our Family of Parishes

a) See Naming Guidelines document (attached below)

- i) Fr. Byers had previously suggested St. Ursula in honor of the Patroness of the Ursuline order.
- ii) Fr. Cordonnier suggested St. Blaise, due to the popularity of the blessing of throats
- iii) Mr. Fussnecker suggested that we get a list of 10 from our parishioners and then whittle down the list from there. We will put sheets in every church for suggestions.

3) General Update on Beacons of Light

- a) Mrs. Susan Caproni has retired and Mrs. Gaile Sentney has been hired to be the business manager for the three Southern churches.
 - b) Update on thoughts about a central parish office: after a good bit of thought and discussion, Fr. Amberger is leaning towards keeping two separate offices, one in Ripley and one in Fayetteville. The Archdiocese suggested going to one parish office, but it is not feasible for us. We will collaborate between the two offices but they will not be combined at this time.
 - c) The goal is to keep all (5) churches open and viable. Fr. Amberger has care and concern for all of our churches and wants to make sure that every church is cared for.
- 4) Meeting was started and ended with prayer.