



**Sacred Heart Church, Pinellas Park  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup> 2007**

***Members Present***

Fr. John Gerth, Pastor: Arlene Judd, Sue Huertas, Chris Raleigh, Michael Trumbull, Matti Mores, Mike Scavelli, Terry Budniak, Gery Malek, Helen Kerker, Roni Fuscaro and Bill McCormick

***Members Not Present:***

Deron Morris, Will Huertas, Paul Gardiner, Peggy Brocksman, Doyle Callahan and Deacon Roger Cartier

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with Prayer by Fr. John.

**Fall Festival:**

- There will be an evangelization table set up in the Parish Center next of the Legion of Mary and Knights of Columbus. Fr. Tobin will be taking care of this and is in need of volunteers from the Parish council to assist him . Kathy Brasseur, DRE is also helping with this.

**Donuts and Coffee Ministry:**

- There have been bigger crowds attending so far this year, most likely due to the fact that Faith Formation classes now take place on Sundays after the 9:30am Mass.
- RCIA doing the month of September and the Baptism classes will be doing the Month of October; there are only 2 weekends in October due to Fall Festival.
- So far, no one has offered to take November, will get with Deron to discuss this.

Mike Scavelli presented "Project Moses" to the group. This is a project where the parish would purchase a statue of the 10 Commandments to place somewhere on the Church property. The goal of the project is to have these statues in every church across the country. As of May 2007, 20 States were involved. The cost of the statue is \$4500-\$5000 depending on the size and the material. In order to receive the funds, we would need to ask the parishioners to make a donation, for every donation of \$30 or more they would receive a small table version of the statue. Some parishes that have done this have raised over \$10,000 and used the additional funds to make improvements to the Church and/or school. Fr. John will look into this further, check on the organization, look at materials, etc. before making a decision.

#### Maintenance to Mission and The Initiative on the Eucharist:

- The Bishop will be presenting a Pastoral Letter to the Diocese on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the last Mass of the day at the Cathedral of St. Jude in St. Petersburg.
- Diane's presentation on June 6<sup>th</sup> to our parish was well received; everyone pretty much understands what Maintenance to Mission is and what will be happening from now until the year 2010, The Year of the Eucharist, even with the equipment malfunction that occurred.
- Some of the information that we received is being integrated with the parents of the Faith Formation Students. Kathy Brasseur is conducting sessions on Source and Summit; the next phase after Maintenance to Mission, to the parents that stay while the children are attending class. There are approximately 10-12 in the group.
- Fr. John will be conducting Bible Study on Monday Evenings beginning the Monday after the Fall Festival and running through Advent. These will be lectionary based.
- Fr. John would like to do a "Christ Renews his Parish: series based somewhat on the Cursillo model, there would be a weekend retreat for men and a weekend retreat for women, he is looking to have this started prior to Christmas 2008. This forum will help to create small Christian Community Groups in the future. Creating these types of groups takes time, can't jump right to them or they are destined to fail. We need to ease into this and Christ Renews his Parish is a great way to start. We will look to St. Paul's parish in St. Petersburg for some help and guidance in this.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Bishop Lynch will be coming on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 4pm Mass to close out our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Each ministry/organization within our parish will carry their flags in the procession, there are no plans after Mass. Fr. John asked that we all attend.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; the big item will be Thanksgiving. The meeting adjourned approximately 8:30pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Mrs. Sue Huertas, Recorder