

**Sacred Heart Church, Pinellas Park
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday September 9, 2008 7:00PM**



Meeting was called to order. Present were Peggy Brockman, Helen Kerker, Matti Mores, Gerry Malek, Chris Raleigh, Mike Trumbull Will Huertas, Doyal Callahan, Sue Huetas and Mike Scavelli.

Minutes of the meeting of 9/9 were approved as presented.

Father Tobin presented an overview of his concepts for the **Parish Welcome Table** that will be set up during all hours of the parish festival. Responding to Father's request for assistance in his endeavors, Matti, Doyal and Chris volunteered to help out. A meeting of these four was scheduled for 9/18 at 7pm.

Hospitality - Mike Scavelli, the Knights of Columbus and Kathy Brasseur, the Director of Faith Formation have volunteered to temporarily continue the duties of providing the Sunday fellowship opportunity of Coffee and Donuts after the 8 and the 9:30 Masses. The need for a more permanent staffing of the events still exists. There was discussion regarding the recruitment and establishment of a wider parish hospitality ministry encompassing welcoming of visitors, support of the bereaved and hosting parish social and spiritual events. Father John reminded the council of the emphasis of St Benedict on the idea of Christian Hospitality in which we see Christ in all those whom we come in contact with or who knock on our door. Agreeing that the parish should more strongly emphasize "opening the doors for the coming of Jesus", it was decided that cards would be distributed inviting parishioners to embrace the spiritual ideals of St. Benedict and offer their time and talent to this more comprehensive Hospitality Ministry. The council will encourage people that they think would be interested to involve themselves in this ministry and to use the occasion of the festival to invite interest in the endeavor. A heavier emphasis on the establishment and recruitment for this Ministry will begin after the festival.

Ministry Fair – We are looking at having a ministry fair in the spring to inform the parishioners of the different ministries active at Sacred Heart and to invite them to include themselves in their missions. It was suggested that we contact Lynn Bennett at Light of Christ parish as she has successfully run such fairs on several occasions. The fair will be more vigorously promoted after Christmas.

Christ Renews His Parish is now scheduled. The retreat for women is scheduled for December and will be present by Kathy Brasseur and volunteers from the cathedral parish. Local volunteers are needed to supply "nuts and bolts" support in providing food and aiding in set up and clean up.

Holy Hour- A holy hour service will be conducted in the church on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Youth Ministry's **Homeless retreat** will be held on 11/22-23 representatives of the Homeless Center of Nortre Dame will contribute to the event.

The parish has accepted a donation of carpet for the center aisle of the church and the choir area. Installation will be the weekend of 9/13-14.

The **next meeting of the council will be on 11/4 at 7:30**. Kathy Brasseur is invited to elaborate on the different projects ongoing under her direction.