

## Highlights of Pastoral Parish Council Meeting - November 12, 2009

**Our meeting** opened with the Prayer of Jabez and our Parish Pastoral Council opening prayer. Doris Monforton shared a Reflection, "GO IN PEACE", a reminder that we need to share in our everyday life.

**The agenda** was approved as well as the minutes of our October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Gerry Gignac** has created a template that will be used to monitor our Parish Pastoral Plan over the next 5 years. This 'living spreadsheet' will begin in 2010, and the plan will be reviewed twice yearly - January and June.

**Father Michon** updated everyone on the direction from the Diocese re: Phase 1 of the Pandemic Plan. This information is posted as well as in our parish bulletin periodically. We were also made aware of his visit to St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Secondary School where he spoke to the administration of the importance of our faith being permeated daily in all courses. Father Mike spoke to us about Mass & Lectio Divina followed with confession on all Mondays of Advent. Deacon Ron and Janet Meloche are working with a group learning to visit bereaved families, shut-ins and the ill.

**Rebecca Bondy** provided a written report on the Youth Ministry and their varied activities (preparing for Christmas Eve Mass). She would like to start a program for teenage girls based on living the Christian Life. There are 37 candidates for Confirmation with the classes going well.

**Joseph Helou** reported that the French Confirmation classes are also moving along well.

**Al Masse**, the parish Business Administrator presented the September 2009 financial results. Concern regarding the current operating deficit and how this will be relieved was discussed. The Capital Projects Committee is expected to present its report in January or February of next year. (Phase 5 cost estimates)

**The Altar Society** reported initial results of their annual bazaar. Details will be printed in the bulletin. Money at this time is \$10,600.00. It was noted that not as many people are purchasing/selling the raffle tickets.

**Building and Grounds** submitted the results of their election. The first batch of engraved bricks have been installed in front of the church steps. The new church security system is still being tweaked.

**The Food Prep Committee** continues to have very successful food sales monthly. As needed to protect our Kitchen's Board of Health 5 star rating, everyone using the kitchen preparing food must wear hairnets and latex gloves.

**Father Michon** stated that he would be calling a Liturgy Meeting shortly.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** continues to minister to those in need. We were informed that a portion of our food supplies was donated to Iona College at the University of Windsor.

**Reports** were presented from St. Joseph and Msg-Augustin-Caron schools.

**Volunteers** were announced for Coffee Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that Ivana White has finished the repairs and repainting of the Virgin Mary statue. Ivana's ongoing restoration work on our church statues is greatly appreciated. A letter of thanks has been delivered to Ivana. The statue of St. Joseph will be going out for repairs and/or repainting in the New Year.

**The Chairperson** spoke of the need to get our parish web site updated as well as someone to maintain same. We have asked before but with no luck. A letter will be sent to Mrs. Kathy Furlong, principal of St. Thomas of Villanova seeking assistance from within the school community. Tina, Helen and Don will be attending a daylong retreat with Bishop Fabbro on November 28/09. The theme for this day is "Embracing a Future Full of Hope" Discussion was held about Kellie Drouillard's trip to Nigeria and how the members of our parish might help her. Don informed the council that ERCA would be attending our December meeting to make a presentation on possible improvements to 200 feet of the shoreline next to our parking lot. This project will not cost the parish any money.

**Next Meeting** is January 14, 2010. Everyone is welcome!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Parish Pastoral Council:** Donald Petrozzi (Chair), Tina Dufault (Vice-chair), Kellie Drouillard, Gerald Gignac, Helen Ann Johnson, Darcy Kaput, Mark McGuire, Doris Monforton, Allan White, Donna Bastien (Francophone rep), Mina Ferraro (Secretary) and Fr. Michon.