

**St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church**  
**Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2009**

**Members Present at the Meeting**

Father Dennis O'Brien, Deacon Chris Christopher, Joel Dunham, Vicky Schlenker, Joe Scialdone, Barbara Tucci, Gene Brennan, Nikki DelaBruere, Sarah Benoit, Kara Copley, Josie Gerencser.

The meeting began with Father Dennis leading us in prayer and song. The Gospel of Mark 12:38-44 was read and all were given an opportunity to reflect, respond, and share.

Minutes were approved from the last meeting and the agenda for the night was approved. Vicky Schlenker agreed to take minutes for this meeting.

**Ministry Reports:**

Speakers were present from two of the ministries – Knights of Columbus and The Ladies Society - to give the Council members a short overview of what their ministries are all about. The Jail/Prison Ministries and Family Promise will be invited to speak at the January meeting. [There will be no ministry presentations in December]

\*Gene Skalsky spoke regarding the Knights of Columbus. He gave an informative speech and passed out handouts that provided history, goals, and activities of this now international group. Gene reported that the Knights donate at least 10,000 man hours per year. He reminded us of some of their upcoming events such as: Monthly breakfasts on second Sundays, Tootsie Roll fundraiser in April, and a major 'BBG Cook-off' in Pensacola. Gene said that the priest who founded the KOC, Fr McGivny, may become a saint.

\*Pat DeSaro spoke for the Youth Group. She also provided local history of this group as well as national association activities. The Ladies Society is also affiliated with the World Union of Catholic Women. Pat reported that the Ladies' Society's first priority is supporting ministries of St Rose of Lima Parish. She passed around photos of local and national functions which included some of our own 'Ladies.'

**Old Business:**

\*In preparation of the Potluck Dinner meeting scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>, Vicky passed around a sign-up sheet. She will email this list to those members not present, along with directions to her home. Members may invite their spouses to attend the short Pastoral Council meeting at 6P, with dinner to follow.

\*Updated ministry list: Tabled

\*Ministry Fair: Barbara Tucci reported that the next Ministry Fair will be held in the parish vestibule after the 5:15 Mass on the Second Saturday of February; and during the Knights of Columbus Breakfast the next day.

\*Pastoral Council Constitution Review: Joe Scialdone reported possible discrepancy in number of actual council members when compared to constitution. After review of members list, it was agreed that the membership is actually accurate as the 2

'youth' representatives take one position, and the 2 finance committee representatives take one position.

\*Nominating Committee update: This committee will prepare a slate of nominees for the election of new Members in January 2010. Potential nominees were discussed.

\*Fall Festival Update: Sarah Benoit reported that they still await final invoices before actual outcomes can be calculated.

**Pastor's Report:**

\*CSA/Sharing the vision: Fr Dennis provided update

\*Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 12/8/09: There will be a vigil mass the day before and a mass that morning.

\*Our Lady of Guadalupe on 12/12/09: There will be a vigil mass with a reception following for all parishioners

\*Advent Penance Service on 12/15/09: This will be a 7P service

\*There have been no offers so far for the house

**New Business:**

\* Gene Brennan announced that our Family Promise guests will be at St Rose of Lima from November 22 – 29; during the Thanksgiving Holiday. There is a great need for volunteers as so many will be out of town then. Fr Dennis recommended announcements at masses for volunteers. [Note – Potential new volunteers must go through training]

\*Joe Scialdone recommended that copies of the Pastoral Council minutes be placed in the church vestibule. Fr Dennis recommended that no more than 12 copies be placed.

Meeting was adjourned and Joel Dunham led the closing prayer. Joe Scialdone volunteered to lead the closing prayer for next month.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December, 8 2009 at 6:00 p.m. – Potluck Dinner at the home of Vicky and Patrick Schlenker.