

**Minutes of St. Rose Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
July 29, 2008**

**Members Present:**

Fr. Denis O'Sullivan, Fr. Gerry Gormley, Fr. Ramon Pons, Rich Emig, Alfonso Alarcon, Peter Leveque, Betty Wychocki, Alberto Patino, Len Marabella **Visitors:** 4 parishioners present.

**Opening Prayer:**

Fr. Denis opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from May 27, 2008 meeting approved as submitted.

**Public Comments:**

- St. Rose of Lima Statue: Committee report by Olivia Leveque that they've secured transportation and setting of statue, as well as site (on lawn by Chapel), however new owner/developer at its existing location needs to give permission to relinquish ownership. Pastoral Council recommended committee contact developer in writing to express St. Rose Parish's desire to obtain statue.
- Restoration of old side of church: Committee report by Michael Lamont that they're meeting again on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Immediate needs of old church are being addressed at this time, and Dick Colombini will obtain original report on old church from MKM.

**Reports:**

**Pastor's Report – Fr. Denis**

- Parish Hall: Decision has been made to stop renting the hall to outside, non-parish related events, with exception of Rotary and 20/30 Club, as there is no profit, in fact parish loses money. Hall is still available to parishioners, however they are responsible for setup and cleanup. This decision resulted in elimination of Reuben and Laura's positions, and was strictly a financial decision.
- Parish Study by Jan Blanchard: Based on a recommendation from last year's study, Michael LaMark was hired as maintenance supervisor, to work up to 20 hours per week. He will supervise gardener and janitor. Janitor's position up to 25 hours per week is currently open to applicants, and parish anticipates hiring an employee in a week or two. Also, Ginger has been promoted to office manager, and will supervise as well as do book keeping. Anticipate hiring part time bilingual receptionist in near future.

## Hispanic Community

- Retreat on School of Evangelization: Alfonso Alarcon reported on August retreat, to be held first two weeks of August, for ten days beginning August 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-9:30. If well-received, will continue throughout August. Alfonso is the leader of this class for adults, and so far 50 people have signed up, with 60 being the maximum attendance. Goal is to better understand faith, evangelization, and adult faith education. This will be the first four of seven courses offered. The intent is to offer the course every six months. This is a world-wide program which began in Guadalajara.

## Diocesan Pastoral Council: Len Marabella

- Evangelization Program: Sonoma North Deanery to promote an evangelization program led by John Gnam of St. Eugene Parish. John will begin with an Evangelization Leadership Program which should meet once a month, then break off to parishes to get to the parish level.
- Seminarian Funding: Sonoma North Deanery appointed task force to make recommendations on how the DPC can assist our Bishop in achieving the goal of financing our seminarians.
- Communications: Sonoma North Deanery has formed a committee to improve diocesan communications, and is looking at magazine model publication in lieu of the North Coast Catholic Newsletter, as well as web-based communications.
- Shortage of Priests: There are currently about 61 priests in diocese, and anticipate 35-40 in a few years through attrition due to retirements. Len is chair of a task force to address the shortage of priests and to investigate possibility of a Pastoral Minister Program, which could train to help run parishes with no pastors. Timeline is January 31, 2009 to put proposal together for DPC executive committee and Bishop regarding this issue.

## Old Business:

- Parish Outreach: Darin is scheduled to present Children's Village with donation in August, Rich is scheduled to present Pedidental (PDI) with donation in October, and Betty is scheduled to present donation (recipient yet to be determined) in December.
- Town Hall Meeting and Ministry Fair: Both Town Hall Meeting and Ministry Fair are scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>, and will follow the same format as in April. Will need to put notice in bulletin and speak at masses 1-2 weeks prior to events. Desire to have only 2-3 council members at each meeting, instead of full council.
- Nominating Committee for New Pastoral Council Members: Peter, Teresa, Rich, and possibly someone from Hispanic community to act as nominating committee. Names of nominees needed by September Pastoral Council meeting; three new members to be chosen by early November.

- Report to Parishioners on Work of the Council: Tony is going to publish report to coincide with new school year. Goal is to publish quarterly reports on work of the Parish Pastoral Council's on-going goals and accomplishments.
- 2008 2009 Budget Status Report: Budget will be finalized at the September 17<sup>th</sup> Finance Council meeting, and will be published in the bulletin.

**New Business:**

New Parish Council Goals:

- Achieve St. Rose Statue site at St. Eugene's.
- Review and revise Reserve Study for long-term maintenance of Parish.
- Promote Education for Adults
  - Continue with Generations of Faith
  - Identify and secure guest speaker(s) on single topic
    - Dynamic, knowledgeable speakers
    - Focus on current contemporary topics to Catholics
    - 4-6 speakers per year

Ecclesial Integration in a Culturally Diverse Parish & Developing Pluricultural Ministry in the Parish:

How do we have one church community made up from many different, diverse cultures?

It's a process that is separate in the beginning, moving towards integration.

Focus on small-group integration, comfortable non-threatening environments where people will feel welcome to participate.

The Goal: Two activities relative to cultural integration, such as culturally diverse potluck with focus on integrating English and Spanish communities.

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, September 30, 2008**