

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PASTORAL COUNCIL OF ST. DENIS PARISH**

**20 April 2010**

A meeting of the Pastoral Council of St. Denis Parish was held at 7:00 p.m. on April 20, 2010 in the Parish Center of Our Lady of the Wayside. Present were Fr. Jose Shaji, Mary Bennett, Mary Chan, Silvia Vonderlinden, Frank Muenneman, Roy Sardina, and Michel Baylocq. Parish Staff (Sister de Chantal and Rosemary Lyon) were present by invitation. Father Jose called the meeting to order at 7 pm and led the opening prayer.

1. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the March 9, 2009 meeting were noted and approved.

2. Review.

Sean Monahan attended and spoke to Fr. Jose and the Council about his support for Fr. Jose, and his feelings with regard to some of the feedback received by Fr. Jose from the parish.

The Lenten soup suppers finished with good attendance and participation. The Lenten lecture on April 18 by Paul Schwarzbart, a Holocaust survivor, was well attended.

The pro-life baby showers for three expectant mothers were well attended, with about 50 participants. The attendees were very complimentary of the young mothers.

Palm Sunday mass was well attended. Fr. Jose cut up donated palm leaves for distribution to the parishioners. The Triduum masses were well prepared and well attended.

Easter vigil mass at 8pm had a big turnout. The 9:30 Sunday mass had a very large attendance, and we ran out of hosts. OLOW services were also crowded.

There was a Religious Education Teacher's reception on April 16, to show our appreciation for the volunteers who work so hard to make the program successful

3. New Business.

The Parish Council toured the remodeled OLOW center and agreed that the new facilities were a great improvement. The renovated Parish Center was officially opened on April 12 by Fr. Jose.

Confirmation this year will be on April 24. Bishop Wong will administer the sacrament to 18 students.

First Communion will be held on Saturday, May 1. There will be a mass at St. Denis at 11 am, followed by a reception. First Communion at OLOW will be on May 9 at 9:30

Ann Hillman will give a talk on May 24, on a contemplative subject, at the St. Denis Parish Center. This has been arranged by the Women's group.

The annual Volunteer Reception will be held on June 5, after the 5pm mass. We expect about 100 people, and the council will plan the event.

The Council discussed the upcoming change of residence of Fr. Moran at OLOW.

4. Executive Session. Father Jose then asked if there were any Executive Session topics that needed to be discussed. There were none.

There being no further business to come before the St. Denis Catholic Parish Council, the meeting was adjourned until the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 7 pm at St. Denis