

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

**9 February 2010**

A meeting of the Pastoral Council of St. Denis Parish was held at 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 9, 2010 in the Parish Center library. Present were Fr. Jose Shaji, Mary Bennett, Mary Chan, Silvia Vonderlinden, Roy Sardina, and Frank Muennemann. Michel Bayloq was excused. 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 Jan 19, 2009 meeting were accepted.

2. Review.

The updated mission statement has been posted on the parish website:

“Brought together by Christ, we the parish of St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside, respond to His call to live our Catholic faith.”

The Portuguese/Spanish dinner was a success. 91 parishioners attended. Father thanked Silvia Vonderlinden and Roy Sardina for their hard work and for coordinating the event.

Rosemary Lyon and Father Jose reported on the First Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a beautiful event with meaningful parent and family participation. Parents attended a workshop two weeks prior to the Sacrament.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD class participated in the Children’s Mass on Feb 7, 2010 at 9:30 am.

The Outreach Committee spoke at all the Masses Feb 6 and 7. Parishioners were impressed with depth of outreach activities sponsored by the Parish. Many inspired parishioners volunteered to join the efforts.

3. New Business.

LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17. Masses at OLW will be at 7:30 am and 7 pm. Masses at SD will be at 8 am, noon, and 6 pm. The seniors will serve a soup lunch in the parish hall, immediately following the Mass at noon.

Lenten suppers will be prepared and served by parish organizations on Wednesdays in the parish hall following the 6 pm masses. The schedule is 2/24 Outreach Committee, 3/3 Religious Education, 3/10 OLW, 3/17 St. Patrick’s Day (see below), 3/24 Choir.

The Ralph Oswald Family will serve dinner on St. Patrick’s Day (Wednesday 3/17) in lieu of the Lenten soup supper.

There will be a communal Penance service on Thursday 3/25 at 7 pm.

#### LENTEN SPEAKERS

On Tuesday Feb 23 at 7 pm Fr. David Pettingill will speak at the St. Denis Parish Center. His topic will be the priesthood that every baptized Christian shares with Christ.

On Sunday Mar 7 at 5 pm Paul Schwarzbart will speak about his experience as a Jew during WWII. Fr. Jose has heard him speak and informed the pastoral council that the story is very inspirational.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Kathleen Ruppel will speak at Mass and to the CCD classes about environmental stewardship.

Eve Scott is organizing a Pro-Life baby shower.

The meeting concluded with a review of the parish calendar for the remainder of the year and a brief discussion about the role of social events within the life of the parish.

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, Mar. 9, 2010, at 6 pm.