

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

8 November, 2011

A meeting of the Pastoral Council of St. Denis Parish was held at 7:00 p.m. on 8 November, 2011 in the Our Lady of the Wayside rectory. Present were Fr. Jose Shaji, Mary Chan, Ginny Kavanaugh, and Mike DeMartino. Parish Staff (Sister de Chantal) 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 of the October meeting were reviewed and approved

2. Review

- a. The Family Farm Mass and reception were held at Our Lady of the Wayside on October 22. Both events were very well attended by parishioners, who enjoyed the food and wine.
- b. Bishop Justice celebrated the 9:30 Mass on October 23.

3. New Business

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

The first Sunday of Advent is Nov 27. Christmas mass will be celebrated at 4pm and 6pm on Dec 24, and at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 on Dec 25.

FINANCE

- a. The annual financial report was distributed to parishioners at all the masses of Oct 15 and 16. Father Jose spoke at the masses about the parish's financial health, and how important it was for all parishioners to contribute. In the following weeks, the parishioners' feedback on the report has been very positive.
- b. Members of the finance committee will speak at all the masses at both churches in November 19 and 20 to discuss the parish's finances and the need for further contributions.

NEW TRANSLATIONS OF THE MASS

- a. Use of the new translations of the Mass will begin the first Sunday of Advent at the end of November.

- b. When we implement the new translation, we will be using a hard bound missal with the three cycles of readings and music combined called Gather, 3rd Edition by GIA Publications. The new missal will be split into 2 books.

SOUND SYSTEM and OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS

- a. The initial bids to upgrade the sound systems at the churches have been received, and are in review.
- c. The office computers need to be replaced. Various options are being discussed, such as group purchases and financing.

ORGAN CONCERT

It has been suggested to have an organ concert at St. Denis to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the organ's installation. The council thought that this was a wonderful idea. There was also a discussion about having regular music events at the churches in order to increase the community participation at St. Denis/OLW and highlight local musicians.

Fr. KIRITI's PROJECT

Fr. Kiriti, from Kenya, spoke at the Nov 6 mass to explain how his parish is improving the life of Kenyans, and to ask for contributions to his programs. The council would like to explore further involvement with Fr. Kiriti's parish. One idea is to form a sister parish. Fr. Jose will discuss this with the Outreach Committee.

4. Executive Session. Father Jose then asked if there were any new 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, Dec 13, 2011, at 7 pm, at St. Denis Parish Center.