

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

11 October, 2011

A meeting of the Pastoral Council of St. Denis Parish was held at 7:00 p.m. on 11 October, 2011 in the St Denis parish center. Present were Fr. Jose Shaji, Mary Chan, Ginny Kavanaugh, Roy Sardina, and Joan Madden. 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 of the September meeting were reviewed and approved

2. Review.

a. Events of last month

Opening of Religious Education.

The back to school barbeque was a success. Registration has been slow. There are more than 200 students currently registered. To date less than half have paid their tuition. There was a suggestion to offer registration for the next year during the last 2 weeks of the academic year (May, 2012) with a tuition discount for those who take advantage of the early registration.

3. New Business.

FINANCE

- a. The year-end financial report will be available at all the masses Oct 15 and 16. Father will speak at the masses at St. Denis Church.
- b. Annual collections have significantly fallen over the last several years.
- c. Members of the finance committee will speak at all the masses at both churches in November.

FAMILY FARM MASS

- a. Mass at OLW on Saturday October 22 at 5:15 pm.
- b. Family Farm will provide the music and the celebrant.
- c. A reception will follow the Mass. Wine will be provided by the Family Farm and food by OLW.

OLW CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

- a. Bishop Justice will say Mass on Sunday October 23 at 9:30 am.

b. A suggestion was made that Father Jose or a pastoral council member introduce the visiting priests who say the centennial Masses and/or to have a short bio in the bulletin.

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. Father began the “Mass in slow motion” introduction of the translations this past weekend (Oct. 8 and 9). He will continue with this program throughout the month.
- c. 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.

SOUND SYSTEM AND LIGHTING AT OLW

- a. Father has put out for 3 bids to upgrade the sound system at OLW.
- b. A suggestion was made to light the bulletin board at OLW where the music selections are posted.
- c. A suggestion was made to change the light bulbs in the OLW sconces, because are of various color and intensity.

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, November 8, 2011, at 7 pm, at St. Denis Parish Center.