

St. Clement's Pastoral Council
1-09-07 Minutes

In attendance: Joanne Farrell, Jeffrey Fenton, Dara Flanagan, Barbara Garro, Mary Kruchinski, Natalie McDermott, John Olenik, Nancy Osberg-Otrembiak, Father Tizio.

Opening prayer: Offered by Barbara
Review of 12-6-06 minutes.

• **CALL TO BE CHURCH PLAN**

- Two members of Pastoral Council have agreed to be part of the Core Team from St. Clement's Church: Barbara Garro and Nancy Osberg-Otrembiak. Marcia Brown to serve as a member-at-large. The next Core Team meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the old school cafeteria.

Old Business:

- Status of the sidewalk near the western edge of the rectory. The uneven edge has been painted to warn pedestrians, but no new concrete can be poured until spring.
- Cleaning needs in the sanctuary. Floors have been buffed.
- The need to refurbish the bathroom at the rear of the sanctuary. Still waiting for an acceptable bid.
- Kneelers. Waiting for a bid that is commensurate with the amount budgeted.
- Continuing discussion of music ministry. Reviewed letter from parishioner.

New Business:

- Much positive feedback received regarding the Christmas decorations in the church. The new Nativity scene has also been well received.
- Estimates expected soon for the font and choir areas. Work is to encompass these two areas and include ramps, risers, and the position of the organ. Parishioners will be asked for input regarding designs proposed for the sanctuary.
- Concerns from Eucharistic Ministers with incidents of communicants walking away without consuming the Host. These seem most prevalent during Christmas, Easter, funerals, and weddings.
- Traffic issues around the school and parking lot. Numerous incidents of cars traveling the wrong way on either side of the school, ignoring the "Do Not Enter" signs as well as drivers driving past school buses despite having their red lights flashing.
- Discussion of posting Pastoral Council minutes online as well as on the bulletin board in the gathering space. May be able to give brief updates in the church bulletin as well.
- 9:00 a.m. on Saturday 1-13-07 will be the "un"-decorating of the church from Christmas. All are welcome to assist.

Fellowship: Weekend of 1-27 & 1-28. 4:00 – Barbara and Ernie; 8:00 – Mary and John; 9:30 Jeff

Next Meeting: 02-12-07 @ 6:15 p.m. In the Sacristy work area. Opening Prayer: Joanne; Closing: Jeff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey Fenton