

St. Clement's Pastoral Council
9-17-07 Minutes

In attendance: Marcia Brown, Ernie Gailor, Joanne Farrell, Jeffrey Fenton, Barbara Garro, Marie Harrison, Natalie McDermott, Nancy Osberg-Otrembiak, Father Tizio.

Opening prayer: Offered by Natalie

Old Business:

- **Parish Picnic:** Much positive feedback has been received. The turnout was considered good despite the weather. The Council reviewed the donations and winners of the door prizes. Father Tizio will compose thank-you notes and/or follow-up letters to donators, contributors, providers, and facilitators.
For next time: possible direct invitations to residents of the St. John Neumann Residence, planning for indoor games, more advertising (more announcements and posters), and a more festive atmosphere (streamers, balloons, etc.); begin collecting donations earlier, and making arrangements for supplies earlier as well.
- **Greeter Ministry:** During the two weekends sign-ups, 15-20 people expressed interest in learning more about the Greeters' Ministry. A majority of interest came from those attending the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
Future Dates: Monday, September 24, 2007: A Pastoral Council-Prospective Greeter meeting to discuss the ministry (Meet 'n' Greet 'n' Eat). Monday, October 01, 2007 would be a training session for Greeters.

New Business:

- **Evangelism Institute:** A number of Council members attended this event, and presented to the Council an overview of the topics that were discussed. These included, but were not limited to: on-going conversion, sharing and receiving the Gospel, Parish planning and challenges faced by the Church both currently and in the future.
- **Call to Be Church:** The Diocese has developed a process to assess current and future needs, but has no specific plan at this time. Issues that are being addressed at this time include:
 - Preparing a unified message to relay to our local parishes
 - Evangelizing inactive Catholics using a variety of approaches
 - Looking closely at Parish Dynamics
- **Discernment for those considering filling a vacancy on Pastoral Council:** Members of Pastoral council will speak at Masses in the weeks to come to announce vacancies on the Council and provide a schedule of discernment sessions. The first Discernment meeting will be Monday October 8 at 7:00 pm (following the October Pastoral Council meeting). The second Discernment meeting will be Tuesday October 16 at 5:30 pm. Both meetings will be held in the Parish Center.
- **Parish Anniversary:** The 90th anniversary of the Parish will be celebrated on October 21, 2007. See the bulletin for more information (available online at <http://www.stclementschurch.com/Bulletins/bulletin-index.htm>)

Next Meeting: 10-8-07 @ 6:00 p.m., prior to 7:00 discernment.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey Fenton