

St. Clement's Pastoral Council  
Meeting, February 9, 2009

Present: Trip Gagnon (Chair), Pat Reo (Co-Chair), Walt Pazderski, Lorraine Kelleher, Joyce Ponserella, Fr. Paul, Barbara Garro, Christopher Case, Nancy Osberg-Otrembiak, Bill McClellan

**Focused Discussion**

Most of our meeting this month was used to discuss, and come to decisions regarding, the vision of the Pastoral Council. Many suggestions were made and discussion was productive and inspirational. We all agreed that we did not want to become too broad in our scope, but rather focus on one or two areas we felt most important. The agreed-upon conclusion of our discussion was to work on

1) Community/Church – while many ideas were shared, we felt we should find a way to bring the school under this rubric as this may be a better way to reach families. Community/Church, it was agreed, includes active and non-active parishioners. We talked about Called to Be Church and reaching out to the larger Community of our regional affiliated churches. To this end, our second focus will be:

2) Evangelization/Spiritual growth in conjunction with Called to Be Church as well.

During the next month, till our next meeting, we should be thinking about these two components of our vision and how we will work on them. Fr. Paul shared with us his similar discussion with church staff and how their thoughts and ideas were very similar to ours. The staff felt the Sept. picnic sponsored by the Pastoral Council was one of the best community builders and, in that light, are planning a pot luck lunch for March 22, 2009.

**Old Business**

Church Cleaning: Joyce has some names of interested people and Frs. bulletin announcement yielded about five responses.

Survey: Bill said he realized once he started working on the survey, that there was too much to include to keep it to a 1 page minimum. He asked for help with this. Nancy and Chris will help Bill work on this. It was decided that the survey would be an excellent vehicle to query parishioners about what they need from St. Clement's and that this will help us with our vision.

Meeting Date Changes for March and April: March's meeting has been changed to 3/2/2009 and the April meeting will now be on 4/6/2009 at the usual 6:30 time.

**Next Meeting**

March 2, 2009, 6:30 p.m. in the "Couch" room.  
Opening Prayer–Pat; Closing Prayer–Bill