

## **Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting of March 9, 2009**

**In Attendance:** Father Dave, Bob DeSimone, Florence Loch, Claire Budnik, Pat Olson, John Turchick, Rich Vicenzi, John Wagner, Tom Wagner, Kevin Smyth, Beth Olson, Moira Barber, and Tom Bennett.

Rich Vicenza led the council in prayer. Minutes from the January 12 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

### **Pastor's Report:**

**Parish Lenten Mission:** Father McCarthy is scheduled to lead three consecutive evening sessions beginning Monday, March 30. The mission concludes with a Healing Mass on Wednesday, April 1.

**St. Jerome 50th Anniversary:** We need to start gathering info and pictures for a commemorative booklet covering 1985 to present. Throughout the year, we will celebrate with three or four special events. Suggestions include a concert at All Saints, an inexpensive dinner dance and a commemorative landscape feature on the church grounds.

**Annual Bishops Appeal:** To date, 59 families have pledged \$24,000.00 towards the parish goal of \$70,000.00. A representative from Catholic Charities will speak at the Masses the Sunday after Easter.

**Car Raffle:** The raffle and dinner will be held at All Saints on Saturday, June 13. Tickets for the Subaru Forester Limited go on sale at all the Masses beginning the week after Easter.

**Guatemala Trip:** A trip to see Education and Hope in action is scheduled for 7/27 – 8/3/09. So far six people have signed up and there is room for a few more people.

**Parish Website:** Since Dan Loch's presentation, we are now seeing about 58 hits a day to our website (up from 35 hits) and have 65 new sign-ups for e-mail notifications of parish events.

### **Parish Events:**

- 2/7/09 Family Night: There wasn't enough time to pull off the event for this year. We will need to get the word out earlier next year or schedule it at a different time.
- 3/15/09 Pancake Breakfast: Presale tickets netted \$595.00 (89 adults and 20 children). Tickets will also be on sale at the door and the breakfast will have a green theme for St. Patrick's Day.

- 4/3/09 2nd Annual Fish Fry: Flyers will be available at the pancake breakfast and inserted in the bulletins the two weekends prior. Cost will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and tickets will be sold March 28-29 and at the door.
- 5/17/09 Ice Cream Social: Can we plan this to coincide with the last day of Reach and TOTAL?

The next council meeting will be held on April 20. Father Dave led the council in closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Claire Budnik  
Council Secretary