

ST PAUL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. In attendance were Deb Dawson, Bob Seibel, Norm Carpenter, Father Steve, Pat Coyle, Dan Coyle, Pat Brody, Marty McClure, Ellen Romett, and Nancy Seibel. Absent: Deacon Mitch, Lori Altman. Reflection was prepared by Norm. Members discussed and reflected on the power of God in our lives.

PASTORAL CONCERNS--Members discussed the end result of the 100th anniversary. Unanimously it was agreed that it was a positive day and a great success. Father acknowledged how his concerns throughout the planning were always alleviated by God's grace.

PARISH CENSUS- Deb Martin is importing information returned. Discussion was held on what the council can do to help this process. Father Steve will email the original census questions to the members and members are to compile mock questions so that a script can be made ready when calls are made to individuals who have not returned their census. Transportation needs could be asked as a question.

ADVOCATE FOR THE ANNULMENT PROCESS – Discussion was held for the need of more advocates to support this. Father Steve shared his positive thoughts on having female advocates. He recommends recruiting 2 men, and 2 women. Together with Deacon Mitch and Father Steve, they would support the needs of St. Paul. The directives from the diocese on this are: Recommendation from the Pastor, Parishioner in good standing, safe environment clearances, and training at the tribunal. Discussion was held on a possible informational evening directed by Father Brian Welding held at St. Paul. Council members are to reflect and pray for guidance on recommending individuals who meet the directives.

NEW PASTORAL CONCERNS-To address and support the upcoming changes in the Mass, Father Steve is planning on holding an informational session to review the changes. This will be hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council. Father Steve will decide and inform the parish when this will be held, the first week in November is optimal.

JESUS ALIVE AND LIVING (JAL)-St. Paul has joined St. Fidelis, St. Michael, St. Peter, and St. Andrew to support the youth of each parish. The collective youth are planning a Christian Rock Concert and presenting a play. By joining together, financial support can be shared hiring Youth Minister, Chris Williams. Working with Ralph and Kristen Swain, Ann and Pat Lemay and Sister Teresa and others from our parish, events and projects can be more available to the youth of Butler.

JANUARY 25 -Father Steve opened for discussion the opportunity of 40 hours of adoration on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. This would be a Wednesday evening event.

ST. PETER/ST. MICHAEL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS--Father Farrell will inform the council a date in November to meet to review and discuss concerns with other parishes in the community.

NEWSLETTER –The newsletter will soon be distributed. Deb and Marty are pleased with the final product. There will be A note to inform readers to check the church's web page for more information. Council meeting ended 9:25PM with a prayer from Father Steve. Ellen will prepare the reflection for next meeting to be held November 10, 2011.