

**St. Bede Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 27, 2007**

**Present:** Fr. Abe, Fr. Cole, Dave Clemens, Bill Theroux, Cathy Fronheiser, Jeannie Trainum, Greg Ballentine, Noel Fort, Peg Crews, P. J. McQuade, Sally Minich, Francis Capone, Rosanne Black, John McCormack, Ginger DiLoreto, Neil Kraft

**Absent:** Toni Collingwood, Tina Straight, and Sasha Diggs

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and Sally led the opening prayer. The agenda for the meeting is Attachment 1 found at the end of the minutes.

**1. Approval of Minutes:** There were no minutes for May.

**2. WWBF:** Father Abe commented that having a successful WWBF was a great opportunity to not only fulfill the parish's Mission Statement, but would be a great lead into the AOT activities. He also noted that this was the first time the Diocese has undertaken a program to determine whether each parish can encounter Jesus Christ in word, worship, community and service. He stressed the need for both facilitators and scribes for the upcoming workshops to be conducted with the participation of about 100 parishioners in August.

Greg reiterated the need for volunteers from the Pastoral Council and noted that the response to the initial request was very poor. He then briefly discussed what progress the WWBF committee has made and then discussed some key events that will take place in the following months:

- August – 2 workshops for the 100 parishioners
- September - Parish picnic where WWBF material will be available
- November - Parish survey to be conducted during all Masses

**3. Pastor's Report:** Father Abe began by introducing our new Parochial Vicar, Father Rob Cole. Father Cole is joining our parish from Our Lady of Nazareth parish in Roanoke.

Father Abe noted that from 1995 there has been a 34% increase in Catholics in the Diocese with a 44% decrease in priests. In addition, it has been estimated that there will be a net loss of 18 to 20 priests over the next five years. The Diocese has formed several regions where members within a region will meet to discuss ways to meet the liturgical needs of the growing number of Catholics with the expected decline in priests. St. Bede will be in a region 4 that encompasses the peninsular, and Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex and King and Queen counties.

There will be a combined Stewardship and Community Life Committee and Rosanne Black will head this committee.

Father again stressed the need for ministries to administer to the Hispanic community, to the estranged Catholics and a Justice and Peace ministry. He has been in contact with Ann Mills to establish a Legion of Mary ministry.

The Diocese will be initiating a new pastoral ministry leadership ministry in September. Two parishioners will be participating in this program.

**4. Liturgical Committee:** Neil gave a brief review of the last Liturgical committee meeting. For details see the June Liturgy Committee Report attached to the end of the minutes.

**5. Pastoral Council Leadership:** Dave discussed his difficulty in assuming his leadership role as chairman of the Pastoral Council citing his commitments to his family and work. After much thought and consulting with Father Abe he reluctantly resigned as chairman but will fill out the remainder of his term on the Council. It was decided to hold election of a new Vice Chairman to the next meeting. It was further decided to move the next meeting to July 10 instead of July 25.

We closed with a prayer led by Dave.

**The next meeting is July 10 at 7:00 in the Church Conference Room.**

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Capone  
Secretary

Attachment 1: June 2007 Agenda

**St. Bede Catholic Church Pastoral Council**

"St. Bede Parish Pastoral Council prayerfully follows Christ as servant leaders to our parish community by gathering in prayer, discerning the direction of the Holy Spirit, and empowering others to serve so that all may be one in Christ."

**June 27, 2007 – 7:00pm**  
Conference Room, St. Bede Catholic Church

**Opening Prayer – Peg Crews**

- 1). **7:02-7:05pm**      **Approval of Minutes**  
*David Clemens*
- 2). **7:05-7:30 pm**      **WWBF**  
Fr. Abe/Greg Ballentine/*Peg Crew*
- 3). **7:30-8:00pm**      **Pastor's Report**  
*Fr. Abe e*
- 4). **8:00-8:15pm**      **Liturgical Committee**  
*Neil Kraft*
- 5). **8:15-8:30pm**      **Pastoral Council Leadership**  
*Dave Clemens*

**Closing Prayer – Patrick J. McQuade**

**Next PC meeting:**    July 10 – 7:00-9:00pm – St. Bede