

**St. Bede Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2006**

Present: Fr. Abe, Greg Ballentine, Dave Clemens, Toni Collingwood, Noel Fort, Charles Leahey, William Theroux, Jeannie Trainum, Doug Gebhardt, Patrick McQuade, Sasha Digges, Tina Straight, Francis Capone, Fr. Mingollo, John McCormack, Carol Brandely, Rosanne Black, Jeff Plourde

Absent: All PC members present

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and Greg Ballentine led the opening prayer. The July PC meeting minutes were approved. .

Chairman's Report:

- A. New PC Agenda Format: The new PC Agenda Format was adopted after a brief discussion. Carol supported the new format since she already provides the Liturgy committee's minutes via email to all PC members. Greg suggested that quarterly reports are necessary but should be oral and not too detailed.

- B. Core Committee Meeting: Dave reiterated that the purpose of the core committee was to get members of the PC, FC and staff working together. Greg is still looking for feedback on both the Roles and Future of St. Bede documents. Both will be discussed the upcoming retreat. John will have an updated site plan at this time that will include the amount of acreage available for future buildings. Bill commented that items in the Future's documented need to be prioritized.

- C. Women's Guild – Defibrillators: Carol reported that the Women's Guild had purchased two defibrillators for the parish. They should be congratulated for this life saving gift. Approximately 15 parishioners have been trained in the use of the defibrillators. There was discussion on how best to identify these trained individuals at Mass. John would be meeting with the ushers on this. It was also pointed out that there are probably many other parishioners who are also trained and these individuals could inform the ushers when they are present at Mass if an emergency occurs.

Pastor's Report:

1. Father Abe has decided not to pursue the mausoleum project at this time.

2. Father Abe gave a description of the Bishop's desire to ascertain the needs of the faith community, and determine how it can serve each believer on his or her personal journey of faith. This will be accomplished using a survey guided by the new document entitled 'We Walk By Faith' that was developed from a previous document entitled 'We've Come This Far By Faith'. Father Abe urged that the PC to take on this most important project that will have to be completed within the next few months.

Additional information is available on the following web sites:

<http://www.richmonddiocese.org> and <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/wwbf>.

3. All individuals involved in the Catechesis Ministry will be required to use the PATHWAYS program. **PATHWAYS for Catechist Formation** is a diocesan certification program designed for parish catechists of adults, youth or children. PATHWAYS is a self-directed program of learning that includes a curriculum of study, prayer and reflection. Four or five people in the parish have already signed up. Further information is available at:
<http://www.richmonddiocese.org/ocf/pathways/index.htm>.
4. The Bishop will be conducting a survey on women on October 8, 2006. Results from this survey will help him establish spiritual needs and desires of Catholic women. The 6-page survey would be available after Mass on October 8. The survey is also available on the Diocese web site.
5. Father Abe reported on recent discussions with the Bishop concerning the Catholic Campus Ministry. Essentially the parish will be responsible for the both the operational and upkeep expenses of CCM until such time that a new parish can be formed. Presently, there is an endowment fund of about \$300,000 that will eventually be used to help fund the new parish. The Bishop also directed the Diocesan Planning committee to study and develop an implementation plan. John reported some of the results from a Due Diligence study that stated yearly operational costs for CCM would be \$120,000. Additionally, \$200,000 will be needed for property upgrades and maintenance and that \$65,000 has already been committed for some safety items. In addition, \$15,000 is needed for a new boiler in the parish center.
6. Al Jaroszewicz has joined the staff as Director of Facilities.

Preparation for October 28 Joint Retreat: There was another brief discussion of the Roles document and that the document presented at the retreat would be essentially complete and contain all comments received.

Young Families Roundtable meeting: Toni reported there are about 700 young families. Dave will write a letter to these families inviting them to the Round Table meeting.

Other Business: Jeff gave an update on the enrollment in the Religious Education program: 325 in K-5; 120 in MS; 76 HS freshman and sophomores; and 63 HS juniors.

We closed with a prayer led by Doug Gebhardt.

The next meeting is October 25th at 7:00 pm in the church commons. It will be a joint PC and Round Table meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Capone
Secretary