

**St. Bede Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2007**

Present: Fr. Abe, Bill Theroux, Greg Ballentine, Noel Fort, P. J. McQuade, Francis Capone, and Jeannie Trainum,

Absent: Tina Straight, Dave Clemens, Cathy Fronheiser, Peg Crews, and Sally Minich

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and Francis led the opening prayer. The agenda for the meeting is Attachment 1 found at the end of the minutes.

1. Approval of Minutes: The July minutes were approved.

2. Election of Vice-Chair: A new quorum of six PC members was established after which Cathy Fronheiser was elected as Vice-Chair.

3. WWBF: Greg reported that 22 WWBF booklets were distributed during the picnic on Sunday, September 23. He then asked for volunteers to man a WWBF table to hand out booklets after each mass through the end of October.

4. Pastor's Report: Father Abe reported that the Bishop has signed off on a new Offertory Stewardship program to be administered by the Martin-Moran Co. This program is being initiated in order to raise money for both Catholic schools and for Religious Education programs. The diocese is facing a real crisis in Catholic Education because of the large number of children currently enrolled in the various education programs. Some 24,000 children are enrolled in Catholic schools, twice that number are in Religious Ed, and Father estimated there are an equal number not enrolled. Martin-Moran guarantees a 20-percent increase in the Offertory collection.

5. New Business: Jeannie will serve on the elections sub-committee.

6. 75th Anniversary Plans Update: The Bishop celebrating an anniversary mass at 11:00 AM on October 28 followed by a reception in the Commons.

We closed with a prayer led by Father Abe.

The next meeting is October 24 at 7:00 PM in the Church Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Capone
Secretary

Attachment 1: September 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.”

September 26, 2007 – 7:00 PM
Conference Room, St. Bede Catholic Church

Opening Prayer – Francis Capone

1. 7:02 – 7:05 pm Acceptance of minutes
Bill Theroux
2. 7:05 – 7:20 pm Election of Vice-Chair (including a quorum discussion, if necessary)
Bill Theroux
3. 7:20 – 7:40 pm WWBF update
Greg Ballentine
4. 7:40 – 8:10 pm Pastor’s Comments
Father Abe
5. 8:10 – 8:40 pm *An update of the issues presented in July.*
Bill Theroux
6. 8:40 – 9:00 pm 75th Anniversary Plans Update – *Rosanne*
Newcomers’ Receptions - *Rosanne*
Other topics from the floor???

Closing Prayer – Dave Clemens

St. Bede Mission Statement (from Our Journey to One Table, 1999)

Through our faith and Baptism in Christ, the mission of St. Bede Parish is:

- *to celebrate our Catholic Faith with a community of believers;*
- *to give witness to Christ’s love for His Father and God’s people by our compassion for all;*
- *to proclaim the continuing revelation of scripture and tradition in word and action.*

