

# Meeting Minutes

## Saint Theresa Parish Pastoral Council

**November 14, 2007**

### Official Minutes

Members Attending: Fr. Chuck Kieffer, Fr. Mathew Plathottam, Amy Caffarello, Becky Henry, Neil Urban, Mary Muir, Sandra Smith, Kurt Hammond, Vincent Berkley, Rob Kubasko

Members absent: Rick Raymond, Billie Young

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**7:05 Opening Prayer** offered by Vincent Berkley.

### **7:08 Approval of Previous Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2007 was moved by Kurt and seconded by Vince. The minutes were unanimously approved without changes.

### **7:10 Pastor's Report**

Fr. Chuck began with a report on the corporate restructuring of the parishes in the Diocese that will get underway in 2008. He shared some of the historical background of the upcoming changes with information dating from a 1911 Vatican directive to the U.S. bishops through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council. These changes will be mostly invisible to parishioners. All Council members are encouraged to attend the open meeting on parish incorporation being held on January 31, 2008 at Father Feeney Hall for all of the parishes in the Central Deanery of the Diocese.

Fr. Chuck asked for Council input on the recent offertory program which has already met with some success. Follow up mailings and mass announcements will occur through the beginning of 2008.

A review of upcoming events followed including special mass times and holy days in the Christmas season.

Fr. Mathew will be in India through February 4<sup>th</sup> and we are fortunate to have some assisting priests during this time. Fr. Van Wagner, a retired priest from the Diocese of Tucson, will be staying at the parish and assisting with masses throughout Fr. Matt's vacation. Fr. Bob Rossi from the Crosier community will be our new assisting priest filling in the absence created with the departure of Fr. Mike Gilson.

### **7:45 Old Business**

New Parishioner Welcoming Committee:

Mary and Rick will be meeting with Terez Sanguine and will also attend the welcoming reception on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **7:50 New Business**

Parishioner Input:

Amy reported on some recent conversations with parents of small children. Her comments will be forwarded to the Liturgy Committee.

Pastoral Council Interview Questions:

This discussion was postponed to the January meeting.

**8:15 Closing Prayer** offered by Rob who shared with us the video story of The Little Match Girl.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted by Becky Henry, Secretary