

**SACRED HEART PARISH & HOLY TRINITY PARISH JOINT PASTORAL COUNCIL  
JANUARY 10, 2011 MEETING SUMMARY**

The Sacred Heart and Holy Trinity Joint Pastoral Council met on Monday, January 10, 2011. Council members are: Lenora Francis, Pat Horne, George Miskewicz, Jr., Barbara Mock, David Moore, Marcy Power, Denise Pristash, Sister Louise Quinn, Joseph Rakowski, Henry Rodrique, Father Michael Rzonca (Pastor and Chair), Roseanne Taylor (Vice Chair), Cathy Varady (Recording Secretary), and JoAnn Yusko.

Father Mike's Pastoral and Administrative Reports

- The heating system at Sacred Heart Church has been converted from oil to gas heat, at a cost of \$35,976.00.
- The sewage pipe problem detected at Holy Trinity Rectory was repaired/replaced at a cost of \$1,500. Volunteers are handling some minor repairs that are needed in the bathroom of Holy Trinity Church.
- Father Hutter, new pastor of St. Mary's Parish, thought he might need to use Holy Trinity Rectory as a Parish Center; however, at this time that is not likely.
- The Christmas decorations at both churches were beautiful. Father Mike expressed appreciation to all who assisted with the decorating and removal of decorations. Father Mike was pleased to see several new volunteers assisting this year at both churches.
- Few people attended Eucharistic Adorations on Vocation Awareness Day on January 10<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart.

Old Business

- Five Holy Trinity parishioners and seven Sacred Heart parishioners volunteered to serve on the Hospitality/Greeters Committee. A meeting of this committee will be scheduled in the future.
- Eight people signed up to participate in the Advent Bible Study. The Bible Study was well received by all who attended. During Lent, a Lenten Bible Study will be offered using "A Quick Journey through the Bible." This is an eight-part video series taught by Jeff Cavins. It will run from February 23 through April 10.

New Business

- Currently, the Holy Trinity Finance Council is sponsoring a Candle Sale. This is also the year that the Holy Trinity Ways and Means Committee will hold their Spaghetti Dinner & Auction. This event is held every other year. In the past Sacred Heart and Holy Trinity held a joint fundraiser in the spring—Phillies Tickets Fundraiser. Box seat tickets were usually provided by Vimco Concrete Accessories; however, due to economic conditions, they may not be able to provide our parishes with the tickets this year. Our parishes need to look at being proactive in fundraising, especially if the rentals of the schools in our parishes do not continue. Also, in the future, the parishes need to look at joint fundraising projects, rather than individual parish projects.

Call to Conversion and Holiness

- Cardinal Rigali has a three year plan to study the needs of the Archdiocese and its parishes. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be participating in this process. A joint committee to discuss Call to Conversion and Holiness will be set up and consist of representatives from the Sacred Heart and Holy Trinity Finance Councils; Joint Parish Council; and Parishioners-at-large (representing a cross section of parishioners). During the first year, the committee will look at how Eucharist, Reconciliation and Vocations are part of the parish community. The other topics for the next two years are forthcoming. The meetings will be held at 7:15 p.m., immediately following the Joint Parish Council meetings—February 14, March 14, April 11, and May 9.

Council Reports

- Currently the RCIA program consists of three women who will be coming into the church at Sacred Heart at Easter.
- Snow removal is being handled again this year by Tammaro Landscape & Design. The negotiated contract rate for this year is 25% less than last year.

Next Meeting:

- The next Joint Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish Hall, immediately followed by the Call to Conversion and Holiness Committee meeting.

**Please Note:** Any questions/comments regarding this meeting summary may be directed to Father Mike Rzonca or any of the above-listed members by calling the parish house at 610-933-3830.