

## PPC Meeting Notes – 12 November 2007

**Attendees:** Jose Braga, Celeste Braga, Mary Billings, Manny Chaves, Pat Conte, Deacon Dan Crimmins, Pat Delaney, Caroline Flynn, Dot Haley, Tony Ippolito, Gerry McDonald, Shelia Mahoney, Rosalyn McHugh, Jennifer McHugh, Luzia Oliveria, George Perkins, Mary Piecewicz, Frank Ramsbottom, Phil Ricuitti, Kristine Togneri, Tracey Wessinger, Fr. Ron

**Purpose of the Parish Council:** Fr. Ron explained his vision of a Parish Council as one of a supervisory body to assist the Pastor. The Council's focus should be on the current, as well as future, pastoral needs of St. Michael's. In order to accurately assess the needs of the Parish, the Council must have a good understanding of what is currently going on with other Parish ministries. To help develop this sense of community between the PPC and the various ministries, the Council will undertake an education about each Ministry over the coming months. This knowledge help prepare the Council to know what needs to be done in the future, based on a solid understanding of what currently exists.

The November PPC meeting was devoted to learning about the Ministry of Education. Caroline Flynn gave an overview of the Catholic traditions and curriculum at Hudson Catholic High School and its emphasis on community service. Pat Delaney shared the focus on Faith, Love and Learning delivered at St Michael Grammar School. She also outlined the cutting edge curriculum available for Kindergarten through Grades Eight. The description of the Religious Program-Grades 1 through 10 was delivered by Gerry Macdonald along with some updates on upcoming Archdiocese CCD programs. Each of the presenters helped the PPC to better understand and appreciate the faith filled communities which make up St Michael's Schools and Religious Ed programs.

### Other Notes of Interest:

Installation of Fr. Ron Calhoun as our Pastor will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November with a bi-lingual ceremony at the 10:30 AM Mass in the Upper Church. Bishop Edeyan will preside. All Finance and Parish Council Members are cordially asked to attend the installation. An informal gathering will take place after the Mass at the Holiday Brunch event at the Riverview Club on Port Street.

The Parish Council welcomed Deacon Dan Crimmins who joined St. Michael's Parish Staff. We are excited to have Deacon Dan with us and look forward to working with him in the coming months.

**Holiday Brunch:** Sponsored by St Michael's School, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet in an informal gathering after Fr. Ron's Installation. If you wish to help out with the Brunch, contact Aura Cabral at 978 502 2863 or [auracabral@comcast.net](mailto:auracabral@comcast.net)

**Breakfast with St. Nicolas Pancake Breakfast 9<sup>th</sup> December 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM** - If you wish to volunteer to help out on this event for the Schools, please contact Mary Billings at [mjbillings@comcast.net](mailto:mjbillings@comcast.net) or at 978 567 7978

**Note there will be NO December PPC Meeting.** Next Meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2008 at 7 PM, Third Floor Conference Room of the Parish Center.