

PPC Meeting Notes – 9 June 2008

Attendees: Mary Billings, Celeste Braga, Lisa Braga, Pat Conti, Deacon Crimmins, Tony Ippolito, Gerry McDonald, Jennifer McHugh, Shelia Mahoney, Mary Piecewicz, Frank Ramsbottom, Phil Ricciuti, Fr. Joel

PPC Election – To date, no one has submitted their name for PPC for next year. Decision was made to place frequent notices in the Parish Bulletin. All PPC members were encouraged to help find nominees. Fr Ron will be contacting those members with one year left on their tenure to confirm their wish to remain.

Upcoming Parish Picnic: This year's Parish Picnic is scheduled for 17 August and Tony Ippolito and Phil Ricciuti will work with Lisa Braga and Mary Piecewicz to coordinate the 2008 Picnic planning activities. As the Picnic is a celebration of Parish unity, the goal is to get as many parishioners as possible involved. Information regarding the Picnic will be placed in the Bulletin periodically over the summer. (Special Thank You to Shelia and Pat for volunteering to work on the Ministry Outreach at the Picnic.) Any one wishing to volunteer to help in any capacity, the Picnic Leads for each major activity are as follows

Advertising, Entertainment, Children's Activities, – Mary Piecewicz 978 562 0864

Donations, Set up – Lisa Braga 978 562 1638

Decorations, Clean Up – Tony Ippolito 978 562 2246

Food, Liturgy, Ministry Tables – Phil Ricciuti 978 562 7474

Retrospective. Per Fr. Ron's request, the PCC conducted a retrospective roundtable on the past year's activities. The following is a summary of the discussion.

- ✚ All agreed that the learning sessions that Fr. Ron set up on the various ministries and organizations within the Parish were extremely beneficial.
- ✚ PPC is made up of a cross section of the parish and represents a lot of diversity. The hope is that the next Council will have a good representation also.
- ✚ 2007-2008 was definitely a transition year. Although there were no significant activities by the PPC, it was time well spent getting to know the workings of the Parish and getting to know Fr. Ron as he took on his new role as Pastor.
- ✚ PPC represents the commitment of all St. Michael parishioners to their faith and to their parish
- ✚ The 2007 Picnic was the symbol of Parish unity during the transitional phase between pastors.
- ✚ Recommendations for next year's PPC:
 - Better structured meetings in terms of agenda setting. Agenda should be set by the Pastor (not the PPC chairperson). Meetings should be facilitated by a lay person and greater participation by other PPC members should be encouraged.
 - New PPC should have both a chairperson and designated secretary.
 - Need to focus on the youth of the parish. PPC should actively sponsor and support the Youth Ministry
 - New PPC should decide on area of focus (one goal/objective) as a theme for the year and concentrate on that area. For example, if the goal is to increase greater participation and involvement in Parish life by youth and young families – that is where all the PPC energy should be focused

Next Meeting: To be set by Fr Ron and the new PPC after the September 28th Election