

**Parish Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**May 7, 2007**

**Members in Attendance:**

Fr. Crowley	Chris McInerney
Bill Pye	Naomi Gonzalez
Cathy Levesque	Judee Thomas
Ann Tucker	Regina Rebello
Joyce Domingos	Jackie Bean
Barbara Norvish	

Fr. Crowley opened the meeting with prayer.  
He also extended the council's deepest sympathy to Naomi on the passing of her niece.

**Father Crowley Updates:**

**Father Moran:**

Father Moran concelebrated with Pastor Crowley this weekend at the 11:00 mass. Father Moran's 60th Anniversary mass went well. Father Moran finishes at Nemasket Healthcare Center within the week and will not be returning to Sacred Heart. The diocese has been in touch and the possibility of moving into an assisted living arrangement is being explored. In consideration is The Arbors in Taunton.

**New Assignments:**

Father reported that there are no newly ordained priests scheduled for possible transfer to Sacred Heart. Two of the possible six candidates on the list have already been interviewed by Father, last year, and either would be welcome additions.

**Mass Schedule Changes:**

Father also reported that if another priest is not brought in, changes in the current mass schedules will need to be considered. At the very least, one mass at each of the 2 parishes may need to be dropped. To address the issue of parishioners being unaware of the dire need we are in, it was suggested that notes or articles be placed in the bulletin to express the concern for our overworked clergy. There was also a suggestion to begin "talking it up" among parishioners to raise awareness.

**Appreciation Dinner:**

The Sacred Heart Appreciation Dinner was well attended last night, with approximately 110 people, although 280 were invited. Discussed the possibility of holding a Saint Rose of Lima Appreciation Dinner as well.

**Catholic Appeal:**

The Catholic Appeal kicked off this weekend, and so far 8 envelopes have been collected. The goal for both parishes this year is \$39,500.

**Construction:**

Construction on the handicap bathroom at the Parish Hall is almost complete. Leakage in Parish Hall cellar came up through the bottom of the floor. Since it was located in the center, and not from the area where the drains are, it is not guaranteed under the warranty. The new window installation is complete, however the building inspection did not pass in the Parish Hall due to the fact that the smoke detectors were left inside the drop ceiling. Atlas Alarm is under contract to fix the problem and install lighted exit signs as well. Father Crowley also tried to contact Crutchfield about the poor condition of the sign on the front lawn but they never got back to him.

**Saint Vincent dePaul Golf Tournament:**

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Second Annual St. Vincent de Paul Charity Golf Tournament. A representative spoke at all masses this weekend making a fevered pitch to gain more supporters. They made several suggestions to support the SVD even if you weren't an avid golfer by perhaps sponsoring someone else, "donating" a round, or creating a sponsorship in memory of a loved one. To date they have 10-15 golfers signed up, but would like at least 60. Last year the tournament brought in 56 golfers.

**Visitors Welcome:**

It was suggested that visitors (or new parishioners) be asked to stand, either at the beginning or the conclusion of mass, so that we can extend greetings to them, in an effort to make them feel more welcome.

**Parish Nurses:**

Father Crowley and Patricia Mikus attended the commissioning of Paulette Lessard and Liz Larkin at Saint Anne's Hospital in Fall River last week. They both completed the Basic Parish Nurse Curriculum. Father commented on what a very nice ceremony it was. They are both to be congratulated.

**Mission Statement:**

The newly proposed mission statement was discussed. Some changes in wording were made to one of the statements that had previously been reviewed, but all were in agreement regarding the "one church" theme. Holly Clark will be asked to make up a mock bulletin wherein the new mission statement reads central with the two parish photos on either side.

**Marriage Prep:**

The dates for the new Marriage Prep year need to be determined. With Father Crowley's approval, Barbara Norvish will be contacting the planning office directly.

**Next meeting:**

**June 3, 2007 @ 6:30 Sacred Heart Rectory Conference Room**