

Mission Statement: Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parish is a family of believers seeking to know, love and serve God as a faith community. To celebrate the presence of Christ among us, we will enhance the community atmosphere of our parish and develop stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Pastoral Council of
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church
Tuesday, April 6, 2010**

The Pastoral Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Doug Menz, President. The meeting opened with prayer. Members present were: Father Erik Pohlmeier, Carol Lanz, Susanne Stabnick, Kim Gillum, Rose Nabholz, Ruth Keogh, Sean Eichelmann, Robert Magri, Barbara Grafe, Sister Laura Cathcart and George O'Connor. Doug welcomed the guests.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the March 1, 2010, meeting were approved.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance & Administration:

George O'Connor reported for the Finance Committee. Collections for the month of March exceeded budgeted amounts by 20%. Total collections for the nine months of this fiscal year are 3% above budgeted amounts. Expenses as of February 28th were 3% below budgeted amounts. The Holy Thursday collection for Seminarians received \$9,893 this year compared to \$10,967 in the prior year. The Good Friday collection for the Holy Land received \$1,984 this year compared to \$1,462 in the prior year, which represents a 36% increase.

Capital Campaign:

George O'Connor reported for the Capital Campaign Funds. The account has a balance as of March 31st of \$688,000. Outstanding pledges are approximately \$650,000.

Building and Grounds:

Stephanie Melchert reported for the Building and Grounds Committee (minutes of January 29, 2010 attached). The house at 1021 North Tyler Street was demolished in March. Volunteers are being solicited to help clean the demolished property, including the Men's Club (by Sean Eichelmann). An architectural firm is in the process of being selected to refurbish the Benedict House. Slate samples are being obtained to replace the flooring around the baptismal pool and font.

Education and Formation Commission:

Ruth Keogh reported for the Education and Formation Commission (minutes of March 30, 2010 are attached). Four candidates were baptized at the Easter Vigil and nine were received into the Church. *Why Catholic* is in its final year. A search has begun for a program that will compliment small groups so that they may continue to meet if desired. PRE is completed for the year. And, Ruth mentioned there is a need for a high school teacher and aids for each PRE class.

Liturgy Commission:

Kim Gillum reported for the Liturgy Commission (minutes of March 3, 2010 are attached). Father Erik will meet with this commission on April 7th, 8:00 a.m. The commission members also discussed plans for Holy Week.

Parish Life Commission:

Carol Lantz reported for the Parish Life Commission. She said that several upcoming events have been planned for Holy Souls. The newcomers reception will be held on April 7th; the sponsor couple meeting and reception will be held on April 18th; and the high school senior dinner will be held on May 2nd.

Social Concerns Commission:

Doug Menz reported for the Social Concerns Commission. Doug said that the grant letters are in the process of being reviewed. St. Edward Catholic Church has requested a grant application for their Spanish Ministry.

Vocations Committee:

Sister Laura Cathcart reported for the Vocations Committee (minutes of March 15, 2010 are attached). Sister mentioned that at their March 15th meeting, the topic centered on the first draft of a Vocations Committee handbook that is being compiled. After Father Erik's approval, a copy will be submitted to Monsignor Scott Friend for training use at the Diocese. Books have been purchased for the Church to be kept in the Eucharistic Chapel for Devotions for Vocations.

Pastoral Comments:

Father Erik thanked the office staff for their wonderful welcome to him upon his arrival at Holy Souls. He complimented them on their efficiency and organizational skills. Father Erik said that the Parish Council will return to meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. (except June and December) but there will be occasions when the meeting date will be changed because of his schedule.

The **next meeting** is Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 6:00 p.m. The meeting concluded with the Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary