

**Monday December 7, 2009**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**Opening Prayer:** Roger Malone

**Present:** Fr. Bill, Phyllis Baker, Pam Casserly, John Cole, Kevin Dean, Bill Harrison, Roger Malone, Mike Mastro, Marilyn Wickel, Eileen Papsen

**Reflection:** 10 Signs of a Vibrant Parish. The statement “Parishioners recognize their parish mission” was the topic. It was stated that the parish mission statement is always in the bulletin and should be recognized by the parishioners. The possibility of making a shorter statement that is repeated throughout the year to reiterate and highlight a portion of the statement was discussed. Also the possibility of updating the mission statement was mentioned.

**Committee Meeting:** There were no committee presentations. Connxions will be scheduled for January. The need for the liaison to communicate with the committee chairman was discussed. It was determined that the liaison will give a copy of the five year plan as well as a directive of what to address when they meet with the council. Marilyn has agreed to type up that directive.

**Old and Continuing Items of Business:**

An updated prayer schedule was distributed.

New members of the council were asked to write a short statement of “What made them decide to be on the Pastoral Council” They will need to send that and a picture to Kevin to be used in the Pastoral Council Brochure.

Connxions Ministry: There was no meeting in the past month. Connxions will be scheduled to meet with the council in January to give an update on its progress. Maryilyn/Phyliss will contact Earl.

Vitality Coffees: will be discussed in January

**New Items of Business**

Long Term Vision for the Year: This discussion was continued and will continue next month to determine “one major goal for the year.” Father Bill stated that he sees the council a “Visionaries.”

**Pastor’s Items of Business**

Fr. Bill shared the conclusions reached by a discussion from a group of Parish Leaders who discussed how Saint John’s meets the characteristics of a Vibrant Parish as outlined

in the Bishops letter. They concluded that St. Johns is doing well in four of the six categories (community, collaboration, liturgy and justice) and less effectively in two (spiritual life and formation). These areas will need to be addressed.

**Closing Prayer:** Roger Malone

**Next meeting:** Monday January 11, 2010 7pm

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