

## **Highlights from the Minutes of the Pastoral Council 9.26.2013**

**Attendees:** Connie McCabe, Gregory Merrick, Fr. Faustino, Jessica Clifton, David Klar, Joseph Hood, Linda Schmidt

In deference to Fr. Faustino's schedule this year, the Pastoral Council agreed to change our current schedule of monthly meetings to a meeting every other month, beginning in November. Father Is in Spain for the month of October, and the Council will not meet in his absence.

The Pastoral Council will meet in Retreat on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM to 12 PM. We will concentrate on the purpose and strategic plan of our Council.

Father Faustino has asked the Council to concentrate on the spiritual life of the parish. In order to reduce our focus on administrative issues, the Council agreed that committee reports will be sent to the Council before the meetings of the Pastoral Council. Any report that is not submitted by then will be considered at the following meeting. Since the Council will have read the reports before the meetings, the person charged with a committee report will restrict his or her comments to only that which the Council needs to know in the light of our mission, which is the spiritual health of the parish.

The Pastoral Council members invites and encourages all members of the parish to attend the Adult Faith presentations. The Adult Faith Formation Program meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 in the Rectory Meeting Room. These presentations are a great way to get together to study and understand our faith, so that we, individually and as a parish, come to love our Lord Jesus Christ in greater depth.

Fr. Faustino mentioned the article from the Wisconsin Journal regarding changes to the Bishop O'Connor Center in Madison. Because of lack of use and the great expense maintaining facilities whether they are full or empty, in 2016 the Diocese plans to convert the under-used Center into 150 senior apartments. Our buildings should not be standing empty, causing the Diocese to support them with monies and resources that are already thinly stretched. This change will put the buildings to good use and will generate a revenue stream.

**Next Meeting Date 11/21/2013 at 6:30 PM**