

**PASTORAL STAFF MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 30, 2008**

PRESENT: Fr. Ryan, Terry, Jim, Victor, Lois and Tony

Fr. Ryan opened with prayer.

BAPTISMAL FONT...the Baptismal Font has been repaired. We still have the problem with moldy water not sure what is causing problem. The font is difficult to clean. We will continue to see what, if anything, can be done.

PUBLIC BATHROOMS...the bathrooms have been updated with new plumbing fixtures. There had been some discussion of extending the stalls in the women's bathroom and we are going to try reversing the door to open out to see if this will alleviate the problem. The work done in the bathrooms was done by members of the parish thus saving money for the parish.

RCIA...we have 2 people who are attending on a regular basis. We have another person whose attendance has not been regular.

The Bible Study program is going well. We have 6 individuals who are attending on a regular basis and we have had as many as 10 people attending the sessions.

FAITH FORMATION...the Faith Formation continues to grow. We now have 22 families who are in the Sunday program. The Tuesday program is also still growing. We have not cut off registrations. Generally everything is going well.

LITURGICAL ROLES...Those individuals in our Youth Group who wanted to become Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Lectors/Readers have been trained and are being scheduled on a regular rotation.

Through the Faith Formation program we are asking families to consider serving as a family at the Masses. So far 5 families have indicated some interest. Once this has become finalized we will train and assign to the Masses.

VISITING DEACON...starting sometime in November we will have a temporary Deacon helping us. He will be ordained to the priesthood next spring. He will be placed into the regular rotation along with the Permanent Deacons.

PURIFICATION OF COMMUNION CUPS...the Purification of the cups is not being done right. Part of the problem is the consuming of any remaining Precious Blood. We will be looking into ways to bring the purification of the cups in conformance with the norms.

WAUKEGAN HIGH SCHOOL...Fr. Ryan was at a special meeting at the High School that included teachers and members of the school board. The topic of their discussion was how to make school safer. What was discussed was the possibility of setting up a Peer Mediation Board.

This board would consist of students that have been recommended and who would like to serve on the board. These students would be trained to act as mediators not offering solution but suggestion to defuse potential violence that may occur over an incident.

Part of the process would be to talk to the gang leaders so that when in school there are no problems. The goal is to build trust.

Another part of the process is what to do with students who are suspended. Area churches working with the school would set up some type of monitoring system. This would involve a student being assigned to a parish to oversee that student during the day. Part of the day could be devoted to finding out what the problem maybe, doing homework and doing community service

St. Dismas is supporting the concept and would like to be involved in the process.

**NEXT STAFF MEETING WILL BE:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 6:15 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM**