

Church of St. Thomas More  
**Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**May 22, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**1. Opening Prayer: Rory Griffin**

**2. Roll Call**

Those on the Parish Council in attendance were:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Role</b>
Rev. Michael Ratajczak	Pastor
Doug D'Agrosa	Pastoral Council Chair
Liz Gritt	Secretary- outgoing
Louise Briseno	Development Council Liaison
Rory Griffin	Evangelization & Faith Formation Chair
Kalei Mendiola	Marriage and Family Life Chair
Cathy Zych	Secretary- incoming

Those not able to attend were:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Role</b>
	Parish Organization and Events Chair
Linda Brault	Pastoral Council Past Chair
Paul Ibbetson	Finance Chair
Suzie Irwin	Social Ministries Chair
	Liturgy Committee Chair

**3. Agenda Review:**

Move Diocesan Reorganization to Clergy Comments.

**4. Council Member Updates:**

Liz Gritt will be stepping down as PC secretary. Cathy Zych has agreed to step in as secretary. Many thanks go to Cathy for her willingness to serve.

**5. Old Business:**

Parish Retreat reflection: The parish retreat was very well organized and attended. Approximately 150-250 parishioners attended during the evening sessions and 40-60 attended during the morning sessions. All comments that were received were very positive. The family friendly atmosphere made it a very positive experience; childcare and dinner were greatly appreciated. The Q & A portion of the sessions was fantastic.

**6. Committee Updates**

**Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee:**

+ George Jones will be stepping down as Adult Religious Ed Committee head. Bret Schanzenbach will be taking over for George. Thanks go to George for his wonderful service and to Bret for his willingness to serve.

+RCIA had 13 people celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil. R.E. for children and adolescents is completed for the school year.

+Children's Liturgy is still seeking additional volunteers. It is suggested that a pulpit announcement be made to ask for help.

+P.U.S.H. continues to meet twice a month and has a steady attendance. The first middle school retreat went very well.

+38 children celebrated First Eucharist on Mother's Day and 20 more youth were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday by Bishop Cordileone.

+High School youth ministry has a strong summer program planned and several youth will be attending Steubenville this summer.

+Adult R.E. presented a very good program on 2/20; "Spirituality: New Horizons".

+Mark Price returned on 4/17 to present "Doubting Thomas- In His Own Words". Both programs were well received.

+On August 17 there will be a presentation looking at the progress of Christianity since Vatican II.

### **Marriage and Family Life**

+Mother's Day carnations were handed out and were enjoyed by the women of the parish.

+Cooks will be needed on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the parish kitchen to prepare Father's Day cookies.

+Committee members are needed for Marriage and Family life to help – many hands will make light work.

### **Social Ministries**

The parish blood drive had 17 pints of blood donated.

+The baby food drive for Birth Choice San Marcos went well and marked their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of serving the community.

+54 blankets were donated to Project Linus.

+Our Sister Parish in New Orleans received help with a new roof and electrical needs for homes in the area from overages collected from the previous trip.

### **Finance Council**

Meeting will be next week.

### **Development Council**

+New Membership luncheon has been re-scheduled to August 5<sup>th</sup>.

+Total ACA pledges have been over \$46k.

+76% of parishioners have pledged to the Capital Campaign.

+Encourage everyone you know to attend the Golf Classic. You need not be a golfer to attend the dinner and it promises to be an even better time than last year. Donations are always accepted if you cannot make the dinner or golf.

+The new Welcome Ministry is going very well. It has 13 Ministers who speak 5 languages (English, Spanish, Korean, Japanese and Vietnamese). There have been 16 new parishioners who have joined and visits are ongoing.

+Scrip has paid 25k towards their commitment.

### **7. Emerging Issues:**

+We still have openings for committee members.

+There is a 6 week (average) lead for press releases. Please remember to use this resource to announce your events to the community.

### **8. Clergy Comments:**

+Fr. Mike would like to thank the staff and leadership at St. Thomas More for their support during his time of healing.

+During this time of Diocesan Reorganization, remember to keep your faith and trust in God. Encourage all parishioners to remember that this too is in God's hands and that we should continue the mission of the parish and Church and keep our actions "business as usual" to those ends.

+Fr. Thomas Thompson has agreed to minister at St. Thomas More on a permanent basis. His full time ministry is as Chaplain at Scripps La Jolla, Scripps Green, and Thornton Hospital.

+The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination is June 10<sup>th</sup>. A notice to that effect will be placed in the Bulletin in the event anyone would like to send a card and offer their congratulations.

### **10. Closing Prayer: Rory Griffin**

The meeting closed at 8:11 p.m.

### **ACTION ITEM:**

Doug D: Please look into putting job descriptions into the bulletin for open committee positions.