

Pastoral Council Meeting  
Monday, November 24, 2008  
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting Room

Present: Father John, Carrie Whitacre, Joy Case, Ron Daulton, Nini Milbrath, Roger Pelzel, Shawn Porter, Heidi Young

Also Present: Larry Huiras, Mary Piasecki, Anjanette Conway, Tim O'Brien, Terry Bogenhagen, Claire Zajac, Sam Cari, Cathy Smolinski, Mark Sturino, Rosemary Alberg, and Phyllis Koss

The meeting began at 6:35 PM with the readings for the First Sunday of Advent. Discussion followed.

Jackie Witter gave a presentation on Pastoral Visioning. She spoke about the essentials for this kind of visioning:

**Theological Foundations**

Sources are: The New Testament, Lumen Gentium, and Gaudium et Spes  
When developing goals we must always ask: Where are we now? Where do we want to be? How will we get there?

Also: Who are we? What are we doing? Why are we doing it?

**Pastoral Principles**

Recognize the gifts of all  
Participation and co-responsibility  
Collegiality  
Subsidiarity – don't do what others can do for themselves

Pastoral Planning requires:

Active Listening  
Honest dialogue  
Belief in and appreciation of others' gifts  
Investment of interest and commitment  
Willingness to compromise  
Courage  
Practice of the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love

**Key Elements**

Prepare  
Assess Envision (Dreamstorming rather than brainstorming)  
Plan  
Implement  
Review

**S.W.O.Ts inventory**

Strength  
Weaknesses  
Opportunities  
Threats

The information from the S.W.O.Ts inventory is contained in a separate pdf.

Copies of *Stewardship, A Disciple's Response - A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* were passed out to all present.

The meeting closed with prayer led by Father John at 8:35 PM

**Next meeting date: January 27, 2009 at 7 PM**

Committee to report: Stewardship

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Koss, recording secretary

***Mission Statement:***

***Our Mission is to celebrate, support and share our Catholic heritage in such a way that through Word and Sacraments we may be formed into a servant people who reach out to everyone spiritually and physically from conception through death.***