

MINUTES OF THE ST. EUGENE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
January 22, 2008

January 22, 2008 was designated a Day of Penance for Violation to the Dignity of the Human Person. Fr. Koeune celebrated a pro-life Mass at 7:00 pm. Because of this, the Council held a shortened meeting following the Mass.

1. Lisa Vasich called the meeting to order after the pro-life Mass. For the opening prayer we prayed the Hail Mary.

2. Attended: Bridget Brennan, Pat Conlon, Fr. George Koeune, Ed O'Callaghan, Raquel Perez, Lisa Vasich, Bonnie Veth and Dolores Welsh.

Absent: Julie Bronski, Fr. Bill Costello, Carolyn Edwards, Fr. Philip Grib, Charles Hill, Dennis Mitchell, Ed O'Leary, and Chris O'Malley.

3. No Open Forum. No guests attended.

4. Minutes of the November 27, 2007 Meeting. Minutes were approved as written.

5. Pastor's Report.

a. We are now using the two "We Celebrate" Mass books and have heard good comments about them. We will be using these books until next November.

b. Fr. Koeune has sent out letters to businesses regarding the Endowment Fund. Three more angels have been purchased. We are now close to \$300,000 in the fund. This includes the \$250,000 that started the fund.

c. Lent will be starting. Since almsgiving is a part of Lent, Fr. Koeune suggested that we have a second collection at Mass supporting the work of Joe and Ann Scheidler and the Pro-Life Action League. Council members agreed especially since there will be no "Baby Bottle" program this year. The Sunday before Palm Sunday was recommended for this special collection. Information on this will be put into the Parish Bulletin.

d. Fr. Grib's retirement Mass was last Sunday, January 20th. Everything went well with a very good gathering despite the cold weather. Fr. Costello will also be retiring this year, June 1st. Fr. Koeune will look into obtaining a new associate for the parish.

e. The Parish Mission is scheduled for March 3, 4, and 5. Fr. Richard Simon will lead the Mission.

6. Old Business. Deferred until the February PPC Meeting.

7. Next Welcome Mass. 9:30 February 3, 2008. The Parish Life Commission and Human Concerns Commission members will be hosting. All Council Members are asked to attend.

8. New Business. Deferred until the February PPC Meeting.

9. Next Parish Council Meeting. Tuesday, February 26, 2008.

10. Closing Prayer. Fr. Koeune gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Raquel Perez