

# Highlights

## Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting – May, 2007

### May Meeting Agenda

- Regional representatives Jim Gunter and Geri Pehrson were recognized with Certificates of Appreciation for serving two terms on the Council.
- Wayne Carlson and Dolores Berg were re-nominated to serve on the Committee on Parishes as representatives of the Council.
- The meeting schedule for the fiscal year 2007-2008 was recommended for October 13, 2007 December 1, 2007, March 8, 2008, and May 3, 2008.
- Planning for the 50th Anniversary observance included: the review of the festival program plans from the Evangelization and Catechesis Committee; the outreach project from the Social Concerns Committee; the date for the June Festival was changed from June 29 (Archbishop Nienstedt will receive the pallium in Rome on that date) to June 22; recommended

promoting the anniversary and area missions with a prayer card; and, recommended the purchase of a paper-weight/coaster as the remembrance gift.

- Tom Holzer reviewed the financial report for 2005-2006 and the budget for 2007-2008. Both were accepted.
- Recommended for approval the "Guidelines for the Establishment of a Parish Fund" which encourages the funding of endowments and endowment-like funds for parishes and schools in collaboration with Catholic Community Foundation of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.
- Recommended for approval the establishment of a formation program for permanent deacons.
- Recommended for approval the establishment of formation programs for lay ministers.
- Directed the Social Concerns

Committee to establish a Catholic Charities sub-committee to propose counseling services by October of 2007 and investigate other possible charitable activities and services within the Diocese.

- The study of Council Guidelines will be deferred until the appointment of a new bishop.

*The next meeting will October 13, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by lunch.*