

## Parish Pastoral Council

*By Loretta DeRuvo*

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting during alternating months for the remainder of its term. These meetings will usually be held in the third week of the month (after the Finance Committee meets), will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin, and are open to all members of the Parish. If you have business to bring to the Council, contact the office or a Council member so you can be placed on the agenda. During the months when the entire Council does not meet, the various committees will get together to make plans and discuss programs. Your input is always welcome; your involvement is crucial to the success of our endeavors. Let us hear from you - either by sending us a note with ideas or suggestions or a call to join a committee - during this very exciting year at Notre Dame.

The 2009-2010 council members are: Chairman – Loretta DeRuvo 639-0071; Vice Chairman – Maldo Jimenez 972-2449; Secretary – Pam Botta 638-9093; Administration – Jack Siersma 787-9141; Communication – Phil Galic 639-7517; Education – Lisa Loewenkamp 636-1308; Family Life – Aimee Place 638-1951; Parish Life – Barbara Price 638-7042; Social Justice – Ray Jones 787-9117; and Spiritual Life - Jerry Collins 639-0688.

## PPC Communications Committee

*By Phil Galic*

The Parish Pastoral Council Communications Committee is responsible for ensuring that Notre Dame Parishioners are informed in a timely manner about all items of interest concerning parish activities through our weekly bulletin and quarterly newsletter. It is also the responsibility of the committee to ensure that items of interest are published in local and diocesan newspapers and bulletins.

This year, the committee will resume an effort that was started a few years ago. We will be collecting data and photographs that will be included in a Notre Dame Parish Life DVD. This DVD presentation will highlight all facets of our parish and family life activities, both spiritual and recreational.

It is the ultimate goal of the committee to establish and perpetuate a genuine feeling of family among all of our parish members, for we are, indeed, a parish family of fellow Catholics and friends. The committee solicits and welcomes ideas and suggestions from all parishioners regarding improvements and enhancements in our present communications efforts.

## PPC Family Life Committee

*By Aimee Place*

The Parish Pastoral Council Family Life Committee was split from the Parish Life Committee earlier this Council Year. Family Life involves, as the name implies, family issues such as Marriages, Pregnancies, Baptisms, Communion, Divorces, unemployment issues, etc. The committee is supposed to help parishioners prepare or handle any of the so mentioned events in their lives.

We do need a committee of three or four people to help with this work. If any person is interested in being on the committee or needs assistance from the Notre Dame Family Life Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me at 423-638-1951 or e-mail me at [abplace@comcast.net](mailto:abplace@comcast.net).

## PPC Social Justice Committee

*By Ray Jones*

I want to thank the people along with the high school youth who showed up to pray for the unborn. We as Catholics need to be listening to what our church has to say about respecting life. The church wants us to respect life from conception to natural death. I ask you to continue praying for the conversion of those who believe it is acceptable for man to determine when life begins and ends. I would also ask that you add to your prayer list those Catholics in countries who still go through persecution and sometimes death for their faith.

## Right to Life Ministry

*By Jean HagenBurger*

The high school senior class, whose focus this year is on Social Action, did a wonderful job in creating our memorial to the unborn – The Cemetery of Innocents. I would like to thank Mary Ann Laun for suggesting the idea. Please continue to pray that our elected and appointed officials realize the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to the end of natural life.

## Adoration for Life

*By Bev Reid-McFarland*

Please join our adorers on the first Friday of each month beginning with the Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Afterwards, we are in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Notre Dame chapel until 10:00 a.m. I promise you will feel refreshed, uplifted, and at the same time, peaceful, by adding this experience to your religious journey. There are forces loose in America, and indeed in the world, that require our vigilance to try to protect victims from abortion and euthanasia. We, as Catholics, are called to help the helpless. One of the greatest traditions of our Church is prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, where our Lord Jesus Christ listens to our supplications in the stillness and quiet of our contemplative devotion. The grace we receive is abundant and palpable, giving reality to the meaning of Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God..."