

# **Minutes of Ennis Parish Pastoral Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**

**Apologies:** Mary Hanley, Dan O'Connell, Fr. Tom O'Gorman, Andrew Tierney, Fachna O'Reilly .

**Present:** Maurice Griffin, Sr. de Montfort, Jomon Joseph, Sr. Anne Boland, Fr. Pat Taaffe, Fr. John Mc Govern, Fr. Fergal O'Neill, Fr. Tom Hogan, Fr. Ger. Fitzgerald, Margaret Lynch, John Tunney & Tikki Daly.

## **Parish Team Report**

- A sub group circulated a draft Mission Statement for discussion.

## **Mission Statement draft**

We, the Ennis Parish Pastoral Council are a leadership group which represents the members of the Roman Catholic community of Ennis.

Trusting in the Holy Spirit, our purpose is to encourage and enable the faithful of our parish to use their unique gifts in pursuit of the mission of the Catholic Church as we:

- ❖ Proclaim the Gospel of Christ
- ❖ Celebrate the sacraments and foster prayer and meaningful liturgies
- ❖ Promote education, evangelisation and faith development
- ❖ Cultivate a sense of welcome and belonging that makes all people feel loved, cherished and accepted as part of Christ's body, the church.
- ❖ Courageously promote equality, justice and peace

In our interaction with people in the wider community of other faiths and none, we endeavour to use as our model, the openness, tolerance, respect and love of Jesus Christ.

A number of adjustments were accepted. It was decided to leave it for the October meeting to adopt.

- The second sub committee proposed a business structure for the years activities. Between each meeting it is hoped that some research is being done on behalf of the Council

**Draft Proposal for the Organisation of Ennis Pastoral Council Business**  
**Proposed Monthly Rolling Plan, 2011**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>Focus Item</b>	<b>Ancillary Items (beyond 'Normal' Business)</b>
<b>September</b>	Agreeing of new Mission Statement and Annual Rolling Plan	Introducing New members to the Council
<b>October</b>	Welcoming and Belonging	
<b>November</b>	Evangelisation	
<b>December</b>	Liturgy and prayer	
<b>January</b>	Growing in Faith	
<b>February</b>	Faith in Action	
<b>March</b>	Youth Outreach	Finance and Maintenance
<b>April</b>	The Abbey Cluster and its Operation	
<b>May</b>	Strategic Planning for the Future	Religious Communities within the Parish
<b>June</b>	Annual Review of Performance	Agenda Setting for the following Year
<b>July</b>	No Meeting	
<b>August</b>	No Meeting	

**What is the theory** – wish list for each of the areas.

**What is the vision** - then you look at the reality, how are things.

It was agreed to adopt this structure.

**For the next month: “*Welcoming and belonging*”** is the theme; Seán Mc Dermott and Sr. Anne Boland will research this for next meeting.