

# **Minutes of Pastoral Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

**Attendance:** Fionnuala Moran; Sr. Betty Curtin; Sr. Ann Boland; Dan O'Connell; Seán Mc Dermott; Anthony Moore; Fr. Tom O'Gorman; Tikki Daly; Fr. Ger Fitzgerald; John Tunney; Fr. Fergus OFM; Canon Pat Taaffe; & Fr. Fergal O'Neill.

**Apologies:** Maurice Griffin & Fr. John Mc Govern

Minutes of last meeting taken as read

## **3 questions on Vision Statement for Diocese:**

We weren't happy; language too elevated; need to be more concrete; not a vision that sets you on fire.

- Environment not mentioned
- More justice needed
- Them and us feeling about
- Not concrete
- Sense of belonging missing
- Balance of power in the Church cf: place of women
- No mention of Advocacy
- Power structures within the Church can be a stumbling block

## **Correspondence:**

Letter from Michael Hennessy and Cathedral Choir –June 21<sup>st</sup> seeking permission for concert – proceeds to Cahercalla . Parish Team

### **❖ Child Protection:**

Vetting forms are being distributed to all adults who are involved with children (under 18) and vulnerable adults. - Sacristans; Parish Team; Parish Office; Caretakers; Eucharistic Ministers; Cleaners.

- ❖ This work is almost complete – for month of May the newsletter contained extracts from Diocesan Policy regarding Child Protection.

## **Review of Mission 2013:**

Feedback from working group that arranged the Mission was presented by Fr. Fergal. See attachment

## **Year of Faith:**

Notice Board in Churches to present a Theme each month - possibility of asking a group that was involved in the Mission to do this or to create a Sacred

Space.

Section on website that contains “God, Faith & Me” series from newsletter

### **7 Habits of Faith Prayer cards**

❖ **The Pro Life legislation/abortion was discussed at length.**

The Parish Office will facilitate a bus to travel to Dublin for the Pro Life Rally on 8<sup>th</sup> June. The point was made to the discussion that as a Community we need to be Pro Life around justice issues, inequality

**Document from Diocese** referred to payment of the Ashline site of the new Ennis National school. The Council proposed that we approve.

Approved: Fr. Ger. Fitzgerald

Seconded; Fr. Fergus OFM

❖ **“Hope in a changing World”** 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of document to be looked at.

**Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> June @ 8.00pm.**