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The three Catholic parishes in the city of Ashtabula enjoy a truly cooperative relationship. Many of our programs, policies, and Sacramental celebrations are done together, as is our support and dedication to Catholic education through Saints John and Paul School.

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio

The Mission of the "Transition Team" is to preserve the integrity, autonomy, and traditions of each of the three Catholic Parishes in Ashtabula, while working to ensure that the faithful of the entire Catholic Community are pastorally well-served.

**Ashtabula Tri-Parish Transition Team
April 24, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Paul Atzemis, Eloise Coxe, Sr. Dorothy Bondi, Linda Coblitz, Valerie Harper, Don Johnson, Albina Larson, Alan Prasek, Fr. Joe Ruggieri, John Shouvin, Glenn Thomas, Thomas Thornton, Donna Timonere

We opened the meeting at 6:30pm beginning with a prayer to be thankful for all our blessings.

January 2008 Minutes were accepted with one change to item #7 in that Msgr. Zuraw made the statement not Bishop Murry.

The Listening Session with Bishop Murry at St. Joseph Parish was well attended, and many people spoke well of the transition. Several questions were asked and then answered by the Bishop at the end of the presentation.

The Parish Census report was discussed. A count on the number of people attending Mass was taken on the weekends of March 15/16, March 22/23, March 29/30 and April 5/6.

In the future, Mass schedules will need to be changed to fit the needs of the parishioners.

The TT would like to compare the number of envelopes and the amount of monies from last year to the count of this year – comparing them by each month. Paul is going to check at St. Joseph Parish for this info. John is going to check at Mother of Sorrows for this info. They will give a report at the next meeting.

The Edge Program has many students attending and liking it. They will feed in the Life Teen program for next year. Life Teen Mass on Sunday evening has not been held at all this year.

Sr. Dorothy is excited about her new program that will model a different way to minister to the people -- including the entire Ashtabula County, not just one parish. She has a flyer that will go out in the bulletins soon that explains the outreach and evangelization planned. The Hispanic community is more regional, less parish based. This will also help develop a multicultural community and break down some barriers to understand each others cultures

TT discussed doing a satisfaction survey sometime in the near future.

Mother of Sorrows Pastoral Council has had 38 names submitted as applicants. Fr. Joe is working on the beginning formation of this council. He will contact the people whose names were submitted.

Next meeting is on June 11, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Sts. John & Paul Elementary Conference room.