

# MEETING OF THE IHM WORKING COMMITTEE

September 14, 2009

7PM – Church Basement

*In attendance: Fr. Tony Kuizon, Betty Swisher, Jim Keliher, Chris Haight, Jean Naugle, Ro Malfetti, Peter Nizner, Carol Rizzo, Denise Rogers, Bob Seery, Dave D'Agostino, Mary Mahony, Maryann Bonacum, Dino Velez, Tracey Foley, Rich Banasiak, John Ponterio, Kathy Mitchell, Jeanne Fox, Msgr. Sean Cunneen, Azela O'Dwyer, Donna Donaleski, Bill Donaleski, Louise Timko, Maureen Pecoraro, Katie Wills, Maritza Franco, Rich Wagner, Phyllis Biunno, Mary Graham, Felicia Levine, John Abreu, Eileen Wagner, Lee Gillingham, Margaret Lewis*

1. Evening Prayer
2. Fr. Sean mentioned two points presented by Sr. Donna during Parish Ministry Day:
  - A. See ourselves in a personal ongoing process of conversion in terms of our spirituality and service as a minister.
  - B. Lack of communication is a big problem – communication has to be two-way.
3. All Clusters
  - A. What are the needs of the parish? Discussed among clusters
  - B. Program of activities for 2009 – 2010 – dates for meetings and events for 2010 should be submitted to Tracey Foley (889-0430 or [thefoleyfamily5@verizon.net](mailto:thefoleyfamily5@verizon.net)); she will coordinate with office staff.
  - C. Selection / recommendation of Coordinator / Secretary – 3 year term
4. Individual Clusters
  - A. Worship – “back to basics” – see that ministers are well versed on current procedures.  
Increase participation during Mass – recruitment individually for each ministry – not lumped together  
Parish Directory – work in progress  
Changing announcement time – during collection, or before Mass  
More incense, ringing bells, singing the Our Father
  - B. Evangelization – need to reach out to parents of young children  
March 27 – family retreat day – begin publicizing at Christmas Masses  
Monthly family catechesis  
Offer “Twitter-like” catechesis info

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Pre / Post Cana – wedding prep

Hospitality ministry

C. Service – Ro Malfetti to join Pastoral Council; still one more member needed

Time/talent survey – recruit new members – “IHM you’ve got talent”

Hospitality Sunday – when, which Masses – should Service run each event, or should each ministry take a turn in helping out – perhaps one group from each cluster should work together

## 5. Felicia Levine – Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith Formation

Ongoing RCIA, Why Catholic, Bereavement, Book Study, plus 2 new ministries:

A. Caring Ministry – Outreach to those who need meals, rides, visits, phone calls, etc.

B. Prayer Shawl Ministry – knit or crochet prayer shawls, plus hats, scarves, etc for the needy