**Five-year Pastoral Plan for parish adopted, unveiled**

**PLAN PROVIDES FRAMEWORK FOR SERVICE TO PARISHIONERS, COMMUNITY AND WORLD**

Long-range planning is a notoriously difficult task, but it’s one of the primary charges of the Pastoral Council. In January 2006, these dedicated people began a process to identify goals for the council and the parish for the next five years. Through work at two retreats, regular meetings and a survey of parishioners, the council reached consensus on five major goals, then identified strategies and activities which would propel the projects over the next eighteen months.

Adopted at the March, 2007, council meeting, the goals are as follows:

1. Within five years, The Madeleine Parish will provide multiple and diverse ways for parishioners to grow spiritually in their Catholic faith through all the stages of their lives.
2. Within five years, The Madeleine Parish will have created an environment that will both empower parishioners to express their needs and provide avenues for parishioners to assist each other in meeting these needs.
3. Within five years, The Madeleine Parish will provide a wide range of opportunities for parishioners to be active participants in prayer and worship experiences, including liturgies and communal prayer services.
4. Within five years, members of The Madeleine Parish will know, understand, embrace and act upon the social justice teachings of the Catholic faith.
5. Within five years, youth of The Madeleine Parish will be active in all areas of parish ministry and will be part of a vibrant youth community.

With these goals set, the council and the parish will embark on the work of creating teams to help set these goals into action. They are worthy goals, but will take time, resources and the hard work of parish members to make a reality. To find out more, including how to get involved, contact Patty Nelson, chair of the Pastoral Council, at 503-281-8035 or contact the parish office at 503-281-5777.

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**OLD HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TURNED INTO GROSS FOR STUDENTS OF THE LOUVERTRE CLEARY SCHOOL**

In early March, the parish conducted a survey that was mailed to member households, the results of which were shared at a parish-wide meeting on March 22. We appreciate the efforts of all 141 respondents who returned the survey. We assure you that the results have been taken with all due gravity.

Within the responses were some lingering issues on which some parishioners may seek further information, clarification, communication and or reconciliation.

Fr. Painter is always available to talk about these or any parish issues... just give him a call. If a one-on-one meeting isn’t your style, Fr. Painter has suggested a series of small group meetings, which may be an easier way to communicate your concerns.

If you’d like to set up a small group meeting with Fr. Painter, please contact Tammy Shadel at the parish office at 503-281-5777, ext. 10.

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**2007 Haitian Project Garage Sale slated August 3–5**

Old household items turned into gold for students of the Louverture Cleary School in Haiti. Thanks to the generosity of The Madeleine community, the Haitian Project Garage Sale raised more than $20,000 last August to benefit this Catholic school.

Three-hundred thirty students attend this remarkable school. The money raised will be used for everything from new computers and supplies to shoes and clothing, backpacks and books... even a tap outside the school that provides clean, safe, running water to the community.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Keep your eyes and ears open for family and friends who are downsizing or upgrading and have items that can be used for the garage sale (remind them they get a tax deduction for items donated). Free storage is provided for us through July. We can even pick up your items if needed.

To find out how you can help, call Sally Kirchoff at 503-288-0471. The Parish Center will be open to accept your donations from July 23 through August 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We need volunteers during this time to help sort and set up. Volunteers are also needed August 5 for post-sale clean-up and boxing of unsold items.

**ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT**

We will gladly accept gently used items such as furniture, dishes, linens, toys, sports equipment, collectibles, books, clothes, videos, shoes, DVDs, music CDs and bicycles.

Unfortunately, due to space considerations, liability and/or sanitation concerns, we cannot accept mattresses, large desks, used computers, printers, scanners, phones, typewriters, children’s car seats and cribs, dried flowers, tires, washers, dryers and refrigerators, and exercise equipment.

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**GARAGE SALE SCHEDULE**

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Online bill payment—offering made automatic

Thanks to computer technology and modern banking websites, you can do away with the last-minute scramble to write a check as you rush to get your family out the door for Mass. Many parishioners find using their online bill payment systems to send their weekly offerings to the parish is fast, easy, convenient…and automatic.

It’s simple! Just set up The Madeleine Church as a “payee” in the online bill payment system, and set up a recurring payment—a payment that is automatically scheduled every week, month or quarter, as you prefer. A check will be automatically generated by the online bill payment system and sent to the church…with no further intervention on your part. Best of all, once the online payment is set up, you can just forget it until you want to change your level of support.

The hardest part will be to resist the urge to drop something in the collection basket at Mass. If you simply must drop something in the basket, hand some change to a child and let her/him drop it in!

School budget set to “pay it forward”

In past years, setting the school budget seemed to require expert use of a crystal ball. Since a significant portion of the school budget comes from parish support and from Parents’ Club fund-raising activities, and since the amounts raised by these sources can vary widely, finalizing the budget had become a tricky proposition. Recently, however, Fr. Painter and Principal Susan Steele came upon a solution that will make school budgeting much easier.

Starting with the upcoming school year, each year’s parish support and proceeds from fund raising will go into a savings account for the following year. So, in the 2007-2008 school year, the $170,000 estimated to be raised through Parents’ Club activities (including the Auction) plus the $37,000 in support offered by the parish will be put in a savings account for the 2008-2009 school year, creating a concrete budget number.

For the 2007-2008 school year, these funds will be pulled from the school savings account, which has grown sufficiently to accommodate such a withdrawal, thanks to exceptional fund raising and thrifty spending over the past few years.

Church gets long-awaited new roof

After years of patching, fixing and “getting by,” The Madeleine Church is in the process of getting a new roof, believed to be the first complete re-roofing since the church was built in 1955. “A few years back, I asked if anyone knew when the roof was last done,” said Fr. Painter recently. “No one could say if it had ever been re-roofed, and I could find no record that it had been done.”

In a time when other parishes frequently must mount capital campaigns and additional fund-raising efforts to pay for such necessary work, funding for this $311,000 project was completely covered from two sources: funds that had been put aside over the past years, and several generous bequests to the parish that had been earmarked for maintenance and capital improvements.

The work is scheduled to be completed by August 1.