

PSR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2011

The January/February meeting of the Parish School of Religion Advisory Board was held on Monday, February 14, 2011. Those present were Parish Administrator Father Osang Idagbo, C.M., Associate Pastor Father Dale Maxfield, Coordinator Anita Toth, Chairperson Staci Wittenauer , and Board Members Jennifer Kretchmer, Loretta Hudson, and Lois Thompson.

Following the opening prayer by Father Maxfield, the Coordinator presented an update on the feeder parish subsidies. Only St. Patrick of Ruma has paid the subsidy fee assessed earlier by the Board. It was decided that the Coordinator will re-send letters requesting compliance by the other feeder parishes.

Results from the catechists mid-year survey indicate that the majority of catechists feel the program has succeeded in meeting the most important objectives and goals. These include procedures, communications, and support from the Coordinator, Administrators, and Board. Areas to be targeted for improvement include encouraging more parental involvement , catechist training that focuses on classroom management, and more frequent classroom visits from the priests.

85% of our catechists have completed their apprentice level training, and 70% are halfway through the Tier I classes. Training will continue to be offered in August and January at our Parish. If scheduling conflicts arise for individual catechists that necessitate training at another location, the catechists will be responsible for the \$15.00 fee.

During the first week of Lent donations will be accepted at both PSR locations for two PSR families in need of financial assistance due to recent family emergencies. Notes will be sent home with students prior to the March 9th classes.

A search will begin soon to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the current PSR Coordinator, Anita Toth. The Coordinator's resignation becomes effective on June 30, 2011.

There being no further business to discuss, Father Osang closed the meeting with prayer. The next scheduled bi-monthly meeting will be April 11, 2011 at 6:30PM in the Parish Pastoral Center.

Lois Thompson

