

Fr. Carl's**Corner**

As a follow up to the Monday July 7th meeting about hosting P.A.D.S in our Parish Life Center one night a week, I have been meeting with concerned parents. In those meetings, what has become clearer to me, is that there are folks who have legitimate questions that they want answered. However, some of this was lost in the meeting as many others wanted a chance to express their thoughts about P.A.D.S. and hosting it here. I have been meeting with parents one-on-one to address their questions and concerns and I am happy to do so.

Something else has come to light. There are some unnecessary comments and judgment being made from folks on both sides of this topic which is causing division among members of this community. This must stop for the good of all. I want to reiterate what I said at that meeting on Monday. It was not my intent, or that of any of the ministers in the Park Ridge Ministerial Association, to cause any divisiveness. We as a parish have had some very charitable accomplishments, helping our Lady of the Angels on the West Side, many Lenten almsgiving projects, and our own Food Pantry which services about 40 folks a month, to name just a few. I personally had hoped that by taking the lead on P.A.D.S and working together with the Ministerial Association of Park Ridge, we might even reach a higher spiritual goal.

Trying to safeguard two important values in our community, the safety of our children and living the Gospel message, is a challenge that has become a topic of much conversation. Parents do have the right to ask questions and have answers to them. This does not mean they are not interested in living the Gospel message and this should not get mixed up as one issue. Let's remember, we are all a family. I am asking ALL to remember who we are as a community of faith. Please let the Gospel message of charity and compassion guide your mind, speech and heart when talking to others about this topic. I pray that the Holy Spirit guide us all and that good sense and peace prevail.

Finally, there have been some very good and specific questions that have surfaced from that Monday night meeting, as well as my personal meetings with parents. These are going to be addressed in the bulletin next weekend and also on the parish and school websites.

In God's Service,

Fr. Carl



Our Petitions to be Taken to Lourdes

See pages 8 & 9

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 11th!


Autumn Fest '08
St. Paul of the Cross Parish

Attention all parishioners:
Septemberfest has been
promoted to Autumnfest!!

A celebration with a whole new
spirit has been planned.

Enjoy the company of fellow
St. Paul of the Cross
Parishioners...

Live music...

DJ for the kids...

A Grand Raffle...

And much, much, more...

Mark your calendars.
Additional details coming soon.

JUST A REMINDER....

Parishioners

When moving in or out of our
Parish, please notify the rectory.

Your Will

Remember the church in
your bequests.

Church Etiquette

Please remember to turn off
your cell phones & pagers.

Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday, July 20th

8:15 am to Noon

Morello Parish Life Center Library