The meeting began with prayer led by Ms. Venaglia.

Chair Report:
- Approval of September 12, 2007, minutes as amended for minor typos. Mr. Crone will forward to Jill Wishon, C+CC director, for posting on web site.
- Fr. Ed 25th Anniversary Celebration. Ms. Fowler indicated a total of 124 affirmed for the Alumni House reception following the Mass. Firm numbers will be needed for the catering, so that continued RSVPing will be strongly encouraged.
- Vision Statement. Continued discussion and refinement of proposed statement following email suggestions:
  - “Responding to God’s love through servant leadership, a diverse welcoming community.”
  - MOTION to approve mission statement was made and approved. Ms. Fowler will assist in publicizing the revised mission statement and incorporating it appropriately into parish materials.

Pastor’s Report:
- Events of month include:
  - 10/13-10/14/07: Cheesecake sales by field hockey team (roughly $7-8 garnered/cake)
  - 10/20-10/21/07: Parents’ weekend/Fall Fest, with Newman Fellowship coffee hour and apple pie/crisp sale
  - 10/26-10/28/07: events of Fr. Ed 25th anniversary as previously mentioned
  - 10/31-11/1/07: Halloween and All Saint’s Day celebration. Knights of Columbus plan to have a Recitation of the Rosary in the Sanctuary at 5:15 on 11/1.
  - 11/21/07: Thanksgiving Eve service, with encouragement for all students still on campus to attend.
- Recent meetings:
  - 10/10/07: Staff meeting and meeting of the Executive Committee of the Newman Foundation.
  - Finances currently in good order.
  - Roof to be completed ~ 11/15/07, with customized skylight and other components forthcoming.
- Upcoming meetings:
  - 10/22/07: Parish cluster to meet with Bishop Hubbard (regarding pastoral planning).
  - 11/11/07 with Dr. Lupita Montoya (Civil Engineering Dept.).
- Enrollment for Christ Sun of Justice parish to conclude this weekend; numbers are similar to last year’s.
- Altered policy on religious preference card distribution has lead to nearly 1000 returns from first year students.
- Albany Diocese to be audited for compliance for safe environment standards. Pastoral Council members were accordingly asked to document with their compliance with Diocesan standards.
- Pastoral planning:
  - Discussions are including both pastoral planning as well as administrative planning. Parishes are submitting three to five year plans to Bishop Hubbard.
  - Fr. Kacerguis has submitted to Chancellor Elizabeth Simcoe of the Diocese an offer to be responsible for campus ministry for Troy (RPI, Sage, HVCC), but with no follow up meeting set.
Please bring a digital camera to Parish and C+CC events, to help document for upcoming Committee of 100 presentation.

Fr. Kacerguis has proposed to Jeanne Schrempf, Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, that the C+CC be opened 7/18-7/19/08 for the Papal Mass at the upcoming World Youth Day (http://www.wyd2008.org/).

Chaplain’s Report:
- Meetings attended since last Pastoral Council Meeting included the following:
  - Pastoral Planning at St. William’s, with a focus on prayer and worship
  - Deanery Meeting at St. William’s (to hear reports from area Planning Groups)
  - Youth Ministers’ Meeting at Pastoral Center, with Bridget Kelly (RPI student) to discuss “Bringing God to College”
  - Rensselaer County Catechetical Leaders’ at St. Francis de Sales
- GIFT (theme for year: “CREED”):
  - 9/30 session: “We believe in God, the Father, Creator.”
- Town/Gown Breakfast, C+CC. These are supported by McCarthy Charities, with this year’s presenter Kevin Beatty regarding development in downtown Troy.
- Looking Ahead to weekend of 10/12-10/14:
  - This weekend is Open House on campus
  - Junior High Retreat at St. Michael’s (similar High School retreat scheduled for 11/20-12/1/07)

Newman Fellowship Report (M. J. Sorrentino):
- Retreat at the Epworth Retreat Center a success, with 10 participants.
- Four cooked for Joseph’s House on 9/30/07.
- Thursday evening sessions, covering a variety of topics, with an average turnout of 10 students.
- Sunday dinners average 25 to 30 participants, with the expectation that everyone will cook 1X a semester.
- 10/12/07: senior citizen outreach with Little Sisters of the Poor.
- Apple picking during the upcoming weekend, with the goal of preparing pies and crisps for Parents’ Weekend/FallFest on 10/19-10/21/07.
- 11/11/07: scheduled dinner with professors.
- In preparation:
  - Bible study group within the RPI Newman Fellowship
  - meetings with Union College Newman community

Parish Life Committee:
- Wine and cheese reception will follow the All Saints liturgy.
- Ms. Fowler read from a written report from Mr. Brennan:
  - very light turnout at Movie Night, with a second to be attempted during wintertime.
  - Ladies’ Dinner will be held during the Martin Luther King weekend (1/19-1/21/08).

The meeting concluded with prayer led by Ms. Venaglia.