

SPRING 2009



The **mission** of the Vicariate is to be responsive to the ministry of its parishes, schools, institutions, and agencies by:



Coordinating pastoral planning



Enhancing communications and networking



Promoting collegiality



Identifying and utilizing all resources which can be shared

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ACTS ... YOUR Lay Ministry Training Program

Did you know that YOU have a Lay Ministry Training Program right in your own neighborhood? Did you know that 125 people from our Pontiac Area Vicariate have already participated in ACTS and have been commissioned to serve in our parishes? Did you know that this Lay Ministry Program is offered twice per year at different locations and the materials are available in both English and Spanish?

If you're involved in volunteer ministry in your parish, this one day training program is for YOU. If you are not involved yet, but you would like to become involved, the program is for you too.

ACTS is a six-hour workshop designed to explore:

- What is Ministry?
- Who is a Minister?
- How do we Minister?

The What of Ministry traces our call to serve through both the Old and New Testaments, the signs and symbols of our Catholic heritage and Church documents.

Who is a Minister explores the various qualities of a minister—as a person of presence, listening and prayer. Practical communication skills are presented to enhance one's ministry.

During the How of Ministry, participants are invited to focus on a particular kind of ministry (Pastoral Care, Worship and Lead-

ership) and presented the tools for successful ministry.

If you presently serve your parish community by:

- Visiting the sick
- Presiding at communion services, wakes or prayer services
- Serving on a commission or parish council
- Providing pastoral care to the elderly

OR if you have ever wondered how you might best use your talents to serve God and the Church...

ACTS is a program to introduce new ministry volunteers to the scope of parish service and to enhance the quality of veteran ministry volunteers.

For further information about ACTS or to register for an upcoming training session, contact Nancy Mason Bordley at Parish-serv@aol.com or visit our PAV website at www.pontiacareavicariate.org.

The next ACTS training day will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM at St. Mary's of the Hills Parish in Rochester Hills. The cost is only \$10 per person for those in the Pontiac Area Vicariate and \$30 for those in a neighboring vicariate.

Register early! Space is limited! *

What has been said about ACTS: A Call to Serve:


"This program is wonderful! It helped me to really feel confident in my ministry while learning so much. I would highly recommend this program to anyone who is involved in their parish and to those who would consider getting involved! Great work!"

"I am so excited that we have this program available to us in our area. So many of the good programs are offered downtown, NOT SO ANYMORE! ACTS is a gift to our Pontiac Area Vicariate."

"Do people know about this great program? I learned more today than I have learned at many meetings offered in my parish. I will spread the word."

"Great materials, Excellent teachers. This was so helpful! Thank you for helping me to realize that I have been called!"

"I wish this program were offered for more than one day. I learned a ton and enjoyed every minute!"



ACTS
A Call To Serve

Lay Ministry Training
for Voluntary Service

Registration Form
ACTS - A Call To Serve
April 25, 2009 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
St. Mary of the Hills,
2675 John R, Rochester Hills 48307

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Parish: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Return this form and check for \$10.00 (\$30 if outside the Pontiac Area Vicariate) to: PAV/ACTS, 3665 Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326 by April 20, 2009

Members:

Parishes

- Christ the Redeemer, Orion Township
- Pontiac Catholic Community
 - St. Michael
 - St. Joseph
 - St. Vincent
- Sacred Heart of the Hills, Auburn Hills
- St. Andrew, Rochester
- St. Benedict, Waterford
- St. Irenaeus, Rochester Hills
- St. John Fisher, Auburn Hills
- St. Joseph, Lake Orion
- St. Mary of the Hills, Rochester Hills
- St. Paul Albanian, Rochester Hills

Schools

- Holy Family Elementary, Rochester/Rochester Hills
- Marist Academy Lower Level St. Benedict Campus, Waterford
- St. Joseph School, Lake Orion
- Marist Academy Middle School, Pontiac
- Notre Dame Preparatory, Pontiac

Catholic Cemeteries

- Guardian Angels
- Mt. Hope

Pastoral Care Information Available Online

As regular readers of this newsletter know, the PAV has been working on improving Pastoral Care services to the sick in our Vicariate. One key concern is how to provide the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick on an emergency basis at area hospitals and care facilities. To reduce emergency calls, parishes in the PAV are scheduling communal anointing services for anyone to attend and receive the Sacrament. Shown at right are currently scheduled opportunities.

The PAV website has just added a new section with information on the Sacrament of Anointing. On these pages you will find: a video explaining the Sacrament; a Frequently Asked Questions list; scheduled services; emergency contacts and more. Visit www.pontiacarevicariate.org and select "Anointing of the Sick." *

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered at these PAV Parishes. Check the PAV website for up-to-date additions.

St. Andrew

1400 Inglewood
Rochester, MI 48307
248-651-7486

- March 21, 2009 at the 5:00 PM Mass
- October 10, 2009 at the 5:00 PM Mass

Christ the Redeemer

Christ the Redeemer
2700 Waldon Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48360
248-391-1621

- May 3, 2009 at the 9:00 AM Mass

Sacred Heart of the Hills

3400 Adams Rd.
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
248-852-4170

- May 16, 2009 at the 4:00 PM Mass

St. Joseph

715 N. Lapeer Rd.
Lake Orion MI 48362
248-693-0440

- Mass of Anointing Saturday April 18, 2009 11:00 AM with luncheon to follow
- Mass of Anointing Saturday, October 17, 2009 11:00 AM with luncheon to follow

St. John Fisher Chapel

3665 E. Walton Blvd.
Auburn Hills, MI 48363
At the end of the 5:30 PM Saturday and 10:00 AM Sunday Masses:

- Mar 28/29, Apr 25/26
- May 30/31, June 27/28
- July 25/26, Aug 29/30

PAV Plans Hispanic Catholic Gathering in June

Are you Hispanic? Would you like to meet and share with other Hispanics from your Pontiac Area Vicariate? Would you like to learn about other Hispanic activities in the PAV? Would you like to bring some new activities to your parish and/or the PAV?

The Pontiac Area Vicariate is planning a great opportunity for you. — the Hispanic Catholic Gathering. We hope to gather all our Hispanic Community from the area to celebrate the Eucharist with Bishop Daniel Flores. Following Mass will be a community sharing with other PAV parishes about their current Hispanic activities. There will also be time to offer feedback and ideas on what other needs exist or activities you would like to see, and meet and share in good fun in a "fiesta" type environment with your Hispanic Community from your Pontiac Area Vicariate.

Your Pontiac Area Vicariate Pastoral Council wants to meet you, listen to you, share with you and make sure that it is meeting your needs. Watch for more details in your parish bulletin or contact Hispanic Committee Chair, Dawy Gonzalez-Ruiz at dawy05@hotmail.com. *

PAV Spring Assembly features Fr. Michael Crosby

Internationally known speaker and activist Fr. Michael Crosby, OFM Cap., will be the speaker at the Spring PAV Leadership Assembly on March 23rd at St. Benedict parish in Waterford. Fr. Crosby's topic will be "The Paradox of Power: From Control to Compassion."

This annual gathering of priests, principals, parish staff, parish council members, school and agency board members, parish commission members and chaplains provides an opportunity for

growth and networking among the leadership in the PAV. In addition to a light meal and keynote speaker, these events allow time for sharing and reflection among the Area Church.

Fr. Crosby's latest book explores the idea that for most of us living in a country like the United States, issues related to the negative use of power, such as control or repression, have come to define our way of being. This is also true for people living in faith communities. But power is more than a

force preventing us from doing something. It's also a force for creativity and wisdom—a force that Christians should desire for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Fr. Mike will help us understand this forgotten side of power. By drawing from real-life examples as well as theory, he will show us how the creative energy of power can heal and construct healthy relationships, marriages, and families, as well as successful organizations. *

PAV Service Operations Committee Update

Hello, we are the new PAV Service Operations Committee. Our mission is to provide stewardship oversight of the Vicariate's operational services to assure the appropriate continued support of the Vicariate and continued benefit to the parishes and ministry constituents.

The following is a partial summary of what the PAV Ministries are accomplishing. See also the article on ACTS on page 1 for details on their ministry. I welcome your comments or suggestions. *

Dale Youngpeter, Committee Chair

Catholic Community Response Team (CCRT)		Youth Ministries		PAV Parishes involved	7
Clients	777	Events per year	6	Active Young Adult Groups	7
Calls per week	75	Staff participation	6	Young Adults Served	350
Food	341	Parishes served	7		
Clothing	348	Parishes completing		Vision 2000 Campaign	
Evictions Prevented	213	“Called To Serve”	3	for Catholic Schools	
Security Deposit Support	91			Campaign's Budgeted	
Job Information	57	Genesis Ministries		Income 2008-09	\$ 71,000
Total Need Requests	1740	Diocesan Events per year	2	Campaign's Budgeted	
		Retreats per year	2	Expenses 2008-09	\$ 7,553
		Standard events a month	20-30	Campaign's Budgeted	
		Young Adult Masses a year	11	Cash flow 2008-09	\$ 63,447

FUSION Young Adult Group Wants You!

What is Fusion Anyway? Short Answer: Our Pontiac Area Vicariate Young Adult Community

How is Fusion different from Genesis Ministries?

Genesis is a broad network for communication, formation and marketing for young adult ministries in ALL of Oakland County. It is a banner organization covering five Vicariates and over 70 parishes. Fusion Young Adult Community is our area PAV Young Adult Community, and ONE of several members of the Genesis Ministries Network.

History of Fusion: Our Fusion young adult ministry community originated in Oct. 2002. Our Sunday Evening Young Adult Area Masses have been held monthly since August 2003.

Ministry Mission: We are a welcoming young adult community which nourishes relationships with Christ and one another. Fusion inspires young adults to reflect, relate, and support one another in all that life brings.

Membership of Fusion: We currently have over 40



“The PAV Fusion Community is definitely one of, if not THE most viable ministry of its kind in the Archdiocese of Detroit, in terms of numbers of young adult participants, variety and number of programs.”

This statement is based on information from Krista Bajoka, Archdiocesan Director of Young Adult & Campus Ministry

active leaders from seven of our PAV parishes. We also have over 800 members on our extensive email mailing list and about 150—200 young adults that connect with our ministry each year in some way.

Funding: The St. John Fisher community, given its special commitment to campus and young adult ministry, has provided a budget of \$500 for the past six years and included all Fusion events on our website.

Your support and promotion of Fusion in your parish or institution is deeply appreciated and will definitely help in keeping our PAV area young adult ministry viable and vibrant! Let us know if you have any young adults events you would like our help in promoting and please (oh please) let us know how we can be of better service to our PAV community!

For more information please contact Lisa Brown at abad@oakland.edu, 248-370-2189, or visit www.oucampusministry.com. *

Members:

Religious Communities

- Oxford Dominican Sisters
- St. Benedict Monastery

Chaplaincies

- Crittenton Hospital
- Doctors' Hospital
- Oakland County Jail
- Oakland County Juveniles
- POH Medical Center
- St. Joseph Mercy Oakland

Nursing Homes

- Lake Orion
- Sanctuary at Bellbrook
- Oakland County Medical Care Facility
- Lourdes Campus

Oakland County

- Campus Ministry
- Catholic Community Response Team
- Catholic Social Services
- Genesis Young Adult/Campus Ministry
- Fusion Ministry
- Guest House

PAV Website:

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