



Pastoral Ministers' Association Meeting Minutes January 16, 2007 Meeting held at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland

The meeting began at 10:10 AM with a prayer called "The Web of Life" read in turn by those present.

Ice Breaker Activity

Sue Buratto, filling in for Kim Myers as meeting facilitator, asked people to share their New Years resolutions.

Presentation "Children's Ministry -- Revitalizing Religious Education"

Mary Ann Dixon led a mock parish council meeting showing the competing demands in every parish. Other participants included: Marilyn Lines, Maria Geryk, Nancy Mason Bordley, Peggy Casing, Bonnie Banaszek, Carol Jadach, Nancy Clancy, Henry Mucha, and Michael Stach. Between the laughs, the skit brought to light the very real issues of money, time, and personality that must be dealt with when setting priorities.

Small group discussion and feedback followed. All parishes are willing to share their experience and ideas with each other. St. Mary of the Hills has started a GIFT – Growing In Faith Together program that brings all age groups together. Christ the Redeemer urged not being afraid to scrap ideas that don't work. Fr. Jerry highlighted the "silo syndrome" – i.e. the tendency to stay focused on one's own limited priorities and disregard the whole organization.

Collaborative/Networking

- ACTS: A Call to Serve update – Nancy Mason Bordley updated the group on the status of ACTS. She thanked Mary Ann Dixon and Nancy Clancy for their hard work creating the curriculum. Since there are only four people signed up for the session scheduled to start January 18 at St. Mary of the Hills it will be cancelled.

The next ACTS training will be an all-day Saturday session at St. Benedict parish on April 21, 2007. Nancy urged everyone to recruit attendees for these upcoming classes as ACTS is our PAV training program. The group felt a one-day program is likely to get more attendance than three winter evenings.

Nancy also reported that she is working on getting an ACTS session scheduled with an emphasis on Hispanic Ministry. She has not heard back from the Pontiac Catholic Community on how best to proceed.

- Pastoral Care of the Sick – Deacon Ron Rohlman introduced himself as chair of the newly formed Pastoral Care Implementation Committee. Other members include Michael Harning (AOD), Megan Lamont (AOD), Lorraine Mordenski (Mercy Bellbrook), Joe Soncrant (St. Andrew) and Ann Suziedelis (St. Joseph Mercy Oakland). The committee will meet for the first time on January 31st.

One of their first tasks will be to create and conduct a survey of parishioners, ideally completed during masses, regarding pastoral care of the sick in the Vicariate. The Implementation Committee will compare the results of the parishioner survey to the one taken last year from care facilities and professional staff. They will then prioritize the two reports' recommendations and set up an action plan and timeline for implementing these recommendations.

Vicar's comments

Fr. Jerry gave an update on the Tracking Committee's progress in overseeing the Vicariate and Hispanic Pastoral Plans. The Vicars meeting on January 17 and will receive more information then.

Fr. Jerry highlighted the PAV Assembly on February 26, 2007 with keynote speaker Fr. Clarence Williams discussing "Racial Sobriety." Flyers were distributed to all present to be copied and shared with others in their

school, parish, or agency. Fr. Jerry stressed that these semiannual assemblies are intended to bring together the PAV leadership to focus on issues that impact all of the Vicariate.

Updates/ Announcements

- Sr. Marian Harvey shared the good news that the Lake Orion Nursing Home has received a five star rating.
- Lenten missions will be held at Holy Family Regional School and St. Benedict parish.
- Paul announced that the Vicariate Pastoral Council formed a Finance Committee to oversee PAV financial matters.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer and lunch at 11:50 AM.

Future PMA Meetings

- **Monday, February 26, 2007, 6:30 PM PAV Assembly**
St. Andrew Activities Building Speaker: Fr. Clarence Williams on Racism
- Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at Notre Dame Prep/Marist
Lenten Retreat: Focus on faith and belief; other religions (Islam)
- Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at St. Michael Ten year vision for the PAV
- Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at St. John Fisher, Planning for 2007-2008/Survey

Attendance:

Carol Jadach	Archdiocese of Detroit
Georgene Wojciechowski	Archdiocese of Detroit
Msgr. John Zenz	Archdiocese of Detroit
Henry Mucha	Christ the Redeemer Parish
Marilyn Lines	Christ the Redeemer Parish
Barbara Jean Pelak, OP	Dominican Sisters
Rakhi Roy	Genesis Ministries/Woodward Corridor
Sr. Karen Hawver	Holy Family Regional School
Carla Vandercruyssen	Holy Family Regional School
Sr. Marian Harvey	Lake Orion Nursing Home
Diane Guappone	North Oakland Medical Center
Peggy Devaney	Oakland County Criminal Justice Ministry
Tom Donahoo	OCC/LTU Campus Ministry
Judy Gordon	PAV Administrative Assistant
Michael Stach	Sacred Heart of the Hills
Nancy Clancy	St. Andrew Parish
Bonnie Banaszek	St. Benedict Parish
Maria Geryk	St. Benedict Parish
Paul Borucki	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Jerry Brzezinski	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Sue Buratto	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Mary Ann Dixon, OP	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Nancy Mason Bordley	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Mary VanGilder, IHM	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Roh Rohlman	St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
Ann Suziedelis	St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
Kathy Hasty	St. Joseph Parish
Peggy Casing	St. Mary of the Hills
Fr. Stan Ulman	St. Mary of the Hills
Dila Dusovic	St. Paul Albanian Parish