



Pastoral Ministers' Association Meeting Minutes May 15, 2007 Meeting held at St. John Fisher

Sue Buratto, PMA Planning Team member, opened the meeting at 10:10 AM with a prayer and welcome to all present.

Ice Breaker Activity

The question to be pondered was, "If God said your services were no longer needed, how would you spend your time?" Attendees discussed this at their tables and shared some ideas. Most agreed that they would still find a way to keep giving to others, especially their families.

Presentation

Using feedback from the Values and Passions survey conducted at the last PMA meeting, the Planning Team has decided to refocus the PMA meetings next year. What brings the group together is the "mega church" – i.e. the larger Catholic Community in the Pontiac Area Vicariate. The meetings will emphasize networking and collaboration among the parishes, schools, agencies and institutions in the PAV. The schedule of meetings for next year is:

September 18, 2007	PMA Gathering in Focus Groups at 10:00 AM
October 22, 2007	PAV Assembly at 7:00 PM
November 20, 2007	PMA Gathering with Input Session at 10:00 AM
January 15, 2008	PMA Gathering in Focus Groups at 10:00 AM
February 19, 2008	PMA Gathering with Input Session at 10:00 AM
March 31, 2008	PAV Assembly at 7:00 PM
April 15, 2008	PMA Gathering in Focus Groups at 10:00 AM
May 20, 2008	PMA Gathering with Input Session at 10:00 AM
Locations to be announced	

The PMA Planning Team for 2007/2008: Diana Atkins, Sue Buratto, Jan Hall, Kathy Hasty, Chris Kozlowski, Kim Myers, and Fr. Jerry Brzezinski. Bonnie Banaszek will be the PMA representative to the Vicariate Pastoral Council.

Vicar's comments

Fr. Jerry thanked those individuals who are leaving the Pontiac Area Vicariate. They include Fr. Ralph Besterwitch, Doris Niemer, Fr. Chris Talbot, and Rae Stumpf. He also gave certificates of appreciation to all PMA members in recognition of their efforts.

He noted that the emails and files that are sent to the PMA are his way of keeping everyone informed of happenings around the AOD. Things that don't interest or apply to you can be deleted without fear of incurring the Vicar's wrath.

Updates/ Announcements

- Parish Empowerment Fund scholarship applications (for help with tuition at Sacred Heart) are due July 13.
- Anyone interested in becoming certified as a pastoral minister should contact Mary Martin and/or Jim Kiefer for information.
- Nancy Mason Bordley gave a report on ACTS: A Call To Serve. Three sessions were scheduled this year and two took place. The January program was cancelled due to low enrollment. This year was a trial-and-error test of the ACTS program. The PAV hopes to offer spring and fall training sessions next year as well as one in Spanish if materials are translated.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer and lunch at 11:30 PM.

Attendance:

Carol Jadach	Archdiocese of Detroit
Barbara Williams	CCRT
Henry Mucha	Christ the Redeemer
Marge Huggard	CSSOC
Sr. Barbara Pelak	Dominican Sisters
Sister Karen	Holy Family
Carla Vandercruyssen	Holy Family
Diana Atkins	Marist Academy
Sandy Favrow	Marist/NDP
Judy Gordon	PAV Administrative Assistant
Sr. Pat Malone	Pontiac Catholic Community
Maria Jimenez	Pontiac Catholic Community
Fr. Chris Talbot	Pontiac Catholic Community
Ann Thomas	Sacred heart
Michael Stach	Sacred Heart
Fr. Jim Mayworm	Sacred Heart
Ann Meyers	Sacred Heart
Bonnie Banaszek	St. Benedict Parish
Maria Geryk	St. Benedict Parish
Melanie Avila	St. Irenaeus
Sue Hug	St. Irenaeus
Pat Busch	St. Irenaeus
Paul Borucki	St. John Fisher Chapel
Fr. Jerry Brzezinski	St. John Fisher Chapel
Nancy Mason Bordley	St. John Fisher Chapel
Mary Ann Dixon	St. John Fisher Chapel
Mary VanGilder, IHM	St. John Fisher Chapel
Debbie Bloomgren	St. Joseph Parish
Kathy Galbraith	St. Joseph Parish
Kathy Hasty	St. Joseph Parish
Mary Martin	St. Joseph Parish
Sue Audette	St. Joseph Parish
Peggy Casing	St. Mary of the Hills
Jan Hall	St. Mary of the Hills
Chris Kozlowski	St. Mary of the Hills
Fr. Stan Ulman	St. Mary of the Hills