



Pastoral Ministers' Association Meeting Minutes January 15, 2008 Meeting held at St. Benedict Parish

Kim Myers welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:15 AM and thanked St. Benedict Parish for hosting. She led the group in a "Prayer for the New Year." For the opening activity those present considered the question, "What gifts did you give and receive this past Christmas that were the most meaningful?" After some time for quiet reflection, people shared at their tables and with the entire group.

Presentation: "Contemplation in an Active Life of Service" mini-retreat

Kathy Hasty introduced the presenter for the morning, Sr. Mary Ann Flanagan, IHM, Ph.D. Sr. Mary Ann is a theological educator who has directed several lay ministry formation programs. She has also been associated with Rev. Thomas Keating and Contemplative Outreach and is a trained presenter and facilitator of centering prayer.

Sr. Mary Ann's presentation covered aspects of science, trans-personal psychology, and spirituality. She emphasized that our ability to serve and minister to others is enhanced as we understand ourselves better. Often, uncovering things from our childhood will enable us to grow in our prayer life. She described levels of awareness taught by Thomas Keating -- an outer/emotional level and an inner/spiritual one. Another of Keating's constructs Sr. Mary Ann used in her presentation was the hierarchy of basic human needs: safety and security, affection and esteem, and power and control.

Finally, Sr. Mary Ann stressed that it is a lifetime process to become our true selves. Awareness of the concepts she presented helps not only those we minister to but also us as individuals.

Collaborative/Networking

Vicar's Report – Was not available at the meeting time. Will be sent to the PMA via email.

VPC Report – Bonnie Banaszek said that the VPC will report progress on the PAV Pastoral Plan to the AOD Tracking Committee on February 19th.

PMA Liaisons: Kim Myers distributed proposed PMA Planning Team Liaison responsibilities. This was introduced at the November PMA meeting as a way to get more input from the PMA membership to the Planning Team. This will help the PT as they plan meetings and arrange speakers. Kim is asking that everyone consider this request and that groups make sure they have either a member on the Planning Team or a liaison. The full document will be sent to all PMA members with these minutes. Please contact Kim at KMyers@stjosephlakeorion.org if you have any questions or to volunteer.

Announcements

- Hunger Banquet at Oakland University, February 13 at 6:30 PM. Contact Lisa Brown for details (abad@oakland.edu).
- February 11, 2:00 PM mass at Our Lady of the Lakes church celebrating the 150th anniversary of the apparitions in Lourdes, France.
- February 9, Sr. Nancy Murray as Catherine of Siena at St. Joseph Lake Orion. Contact Mary Martin or Kathy Hasty for more information.
- The next ACTS: A Call To Serve training will be April 12 at St. Andrew Parish. Contact Nancy Clancy for more details.
- St. Mary of the Hills has a 6-week Hunger for God program. More on their website: www.stmarysofthehills.org

The meeting ended with a closing prayer and lunch at 12:00 PM.

Future PMA Meetings

- **Tuesday, February 19, 2008 - PMA meeting at St. Joseph School**
- Tuesday, April 15, 2008 - PMA meeting at St. Mary of the Hills
- **NEW! PAV Spring Tri-Vicariate Assembly – April 29, 2008 at St. Paul Albanian**
- Tuesday, May 20, 2008 - PMA meeting at St. Paul Albanian

Attendance:

Tom Donahoo	Archdiocese of Detroit
Carol Jadach	Archdiocese of Detroit
Barb Williams	CCRT Office
Rakhi Roy	Genesis Ministries/Woodward Corridor
Sr. Karen Hawver	Holy Family Regional School
Carla Vandercruyssen	Holy Family Regional School
Marian Harvey, IHM	Lake Orion Nursing Home
Colleen Burke	Lourdes Campus
Diana Atkins	Marist Academy
Sandy Favrow	Marist Academy
Judy Gordon	PAV Administrative Assistant
Fr. Sean Sylvester	Pontiac Catholic Community
Ann Meyers	Sacred Heart of the Hills
Nancy Clancy	St. Andrew Parish
Rae Stumpf	St. Andrew Parish
Bonnie Banaszek	St. Benedict Parish
Maria Geryk	St. Benedict Parish
Paul Borucki	St. John Fisher Chapel
Lisa Brown	St. John Fisher Chapel
Sue Buratto	St. John Fisher Chapel
Sr. Theresa Darga	St. Joseph Elementary School
Jon Myers	St. Joseph Elementary School
Sue Audette	St. Joseph Parish
Debbie Bloomgren	St. Joseph Parish
Kathy Galbraith	St. Joseph Parish
Kathy Hasty	St. Joseph Parish
Kim Myers	St. Joseph Parish
Mary Martin	St. Joseph Parish
Peggy Casing	St. Mary of the Hills Parish
Dan Greig	St. Mary of the Hills Parish
Jan Hall	St. Mary of the Hills Parish
Judith Kozlowski	St. Mary of the Hills Parish
Dila Dusovic	St. Paul Albanian Parish