



**Pastoral Ministers' Association Meeting Minutes**  
**February 19, 2008**  
**Meeting held at St. Joseph School**

The meeting began at 10 AM with a welcome and prayer lead by Mary Martin and song by Peggy Bartz.

**Ice Breaker:** Kathy Hasty encouraged people at table to talk about how they have or have not experienced *Pastoral Care of the Sick*, and to indicate whether the care was for themselves or for someone else.

**Presentation: *Pastoral Care of the Sick Individual Survey Results***

Guest speaker, Dr. Mike McCallion, Director of the Office of Pastoral Resources and Research for the Archdiocese of Detroit, lead everyone through the results and analysis of the survey given to our "people in the pews." (Please refer to, or request packet of results).

Some stand out findings were that most people do not ask for this sacrament for themselves, women appeared to ask twice as much for others, compared to men. Many did not know the term *Viaticum*, but it is unclear if they misunderstood simply the term or the whole practice. 90% stated a desire for the sacrament when seriously ill; they desire it but are not asking for it. 80% indicated it was very important when death is imminent but wanted a priest, not a lay person to celebrate the sacrament. It was suggested that more education be done with parishioners in this area. 61% said they would not go to another church if it were offered, they preferred attending at their home parish, and most preferred private as opposed to communal.

Thank you to Mary Martin, Kathy Hasty, Mike McCallion, Megan Lamont, and Mike Harning for all the hard work and valuable results.

**Collaborative/Networking/Announcements**

*The Tri County Assembly* with Bishop Flores will be held Tuesday, April 29 from 6:30-9:00 PM at St. Paul Albanian on Auburn Rd. Guest Speaker will be Patricia Cooney-Hathaway.

*Vicar's Report:* Report on Catholic Schools Pastoral plan. It was encouraged that everyone brainstorm how all parishes come together to help fund Catholic Schools. Suggestions will be coming in the next few months. The question was raised about Vision 2000 and how it should have brought everyone together and that support should still be felt. The AOD suggested a 0% raise in salaries across the board, the vicariate is recommending the same.

*VPC:* "Call to Serve" is part of "Protecting God's Children" and is for teens who volunteer in church programs. All teens grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> need to attend.

**Announcements**

*ACTS:* Please personally invite laity to this training program

*Leadership Conference:* The committee is looking for another site. St. Joseph/Lake Orion will no longer host but continues to offer support. Monsignor Zenz will be the Guest speaker for the October 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 event.

The meeting ended with a prayer and lunch was served. Thank you St. Joseph for hosting.