



## Pastoral Ministers' Association Meeting Minutes January 20, 2009 Meeting held at St. Mary of the Hills

Sandy Favrow opened the meeting at 10:05 AM. The opening prayer and song was led by St. Mary of the Hills.

### **Program: Mini Retreat: "To Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"**

Sandy introduced Fr. Maciej Pawlowski, a Marist Father currently serving as the school chaplain at Notre Dame Preparatory and Marist Academy in Pontiac. He began by inviting those present to complete the sentence on their small handouts and share with the group. Examples included: "A phone call is a gift when..." or "A meal is a gift when..." Ideas expressed helped set the tone of charity and gratitude toward others.

Over the next hour, Fr. Maciej shared stories and thoughts on love, kindness, friendship and charity. He led the group in reading handouts on the "Ten Commandments of Friendship" and "Ten Commandments of Kindness." One story he told suggested writing things that hurt in sand so they can be washed away and writing kindnesses received in stone, to be always with us. He reminded us that love is the greatest cure the world has ever known. Other thoughts from the presentation:

- Friendship is like art. It is not necessary for survival, but gives value to survival.
- People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime.
- If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

### **Collaborative/Networking**

Vicar's Report – Since Fr. Jerry was not present, there was no report.

VPC Report – Bonnie Banaszek said the Vicariate Pastoral Council will meet on January 26. The Council continues to work on the Pastoral Care Implementation plan.

ACTS Committee: Nancy Clancy said that with the retirement of Sr. Mary Ann Dixon, the ACTS committee is looking for some new members and ideas. They have had limited success attracting ACTS seminar participants from many PAV parishes and would like a committee representative from these places. Please contact Nancy ([ctrdirector@ameritech.net](mailto:ctrdirector@ameritech.net)) for more information.

The next ACTS training session will take place on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00-3:30 at St. Mary of the Hills parish.

Oakland County Suicide Prevention Coalition: Matt Brinkmann, from the OCSPC, distributed flyers and invited everyone to participate in forums being held on Faith-Based Mental Health Education and Suicide Prevention. His organization is seeking input from area ministers. The forums will be on January 23 and January 29. Contact Matt ([brinkman@occmha.org](mailto:brinkman@occmha.org)) for more information. There will also be a conference on May 26, 2009 on suicide prevention.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer and lunch at 11:30 AM. Most stayed to watch the presidential inauguration.

### **Upcoming PMA Meetings**

**February 17, 2009 at St. Andrew**

March 23, 2009 - PAV Assembly at St. Benedict Parish Hall

May 19, 2009 at Christ the Redeemer

### **Attendance:**

Tom Donahoo	Archdiocese of Detroit
Nancy Clancy	Christ the Redeemer
Rakhi Roy	Genesis Ministries/Woodward Corridor

Carla Vandercruyssen	Holy Family School
Sr. Karen Hawver, SC	Holy Family School
Diana Atkins	Marist Academy, Lower Division
Sandy Favrow	Marist Academy, Pontiac
Judy Gordon	PAV Administrative Assistant
Lourdes Smith	Pontiac Catholic Community
Mary Andrews	Sanctuary at Bellbrook
Bonnie Banaszek	St. Benedict
Nancy Mason Bordley	St. John Fisher Chapel
Paul Borucki	St. John Fisher Chapel
Lisa Brown	St. John Fisher Chapel
Sue Buratto	St. John Fisher Chapel
Kathy Hasty	St. Joseph
Mary Martin	St. Joseph
Kim Myers	St. Joseph
Dan Grieg	St. Mary of the Hills
Peggy Casing	St. Mary of the Hills
Jennifer Stembridge	St. Mary of the Hills
Judy Kozlowski	St. Mary of the Hills
Chris Kozlowski	St. Mary of the Hills
Christine Laing	St. Mary of the Hills
Peggy Casing	St. Mary of the Hills
Fr. Stan Ulman	St. Mary of the Hills