

Pontiac Area Vicariate
Vicariate Pastoral Council Vicariate Meeting
Meeting held at St. John Fisher October 23, 2006

Opening Prayer

Bill Travnik opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Renee' St. Dennis read the opening prayer. Introductions followed.

Know My Parish – Christ the Redeemer and Sacred Heart of the Hills

Janet Dinsmore and Theresa Sayre discussed Sacred Heart's mission, ministries, activities, major events, major issues, and goals of the parish for the next 12 months. There were no representatives from Christ the Redeemer.

Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes from the September 27, 2006 meeting.

Focus Items for Discussion

1. Jacques Pasquier reviewed the Hispanic Pastoral Assembly and a summary of the group responses. He asked for feedback from each Parish Council at our next meeting
2. Bill Travnik reviewed the Guidelines and Operational Procedures draft document. There are two goals for the procedures; 1) to provide guidelines for dealing with issues, and 2) provide information for new members. Several comments were discussed. Forward any comments via email to Bill. The committee will review them and have the procedures ready for approval at the November, 2006 meeting.
3. The Committee for the Pastoral Care of the Sick presented their report. Fr. Chris Talbot gave the background for the project. Beverly Wallace reviewed the process they utilized. The response within the vicariate was very good. Comments from the group were:
 - a. Using teachable moments prior to emergencies.
 - b. Improve communication on communal celebrations.
 - c. Include Pastoral Care in the ACTS Lay Ministry Training program.
 - d. Care of the family is an important part of care for the sick.
 - e. The best way to celebrate is with the entire family.
 - f. The demographics indicate a need for more language capabilities and diverse ministers.
4. The next step is PMA review of the study and obtaining their input. An implementation committee will move the process forward. Judy Gordon will forward the study and PowerPoint presentation to all VPC representatives. Please have your Parish Council review the documents and then go through the PowerPoint presentation.

Keep the Dream Alive Nominations

1. There were two nominations for the Award, which is in its 12th year. Joe and Claire Bono of St. Mary of the Hills were selected.
2. There will be a Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on January 15, 2007, followed by a luncheon at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for the awardees and their families.

Vicar's Report

1. Fr. Jerry said that the Vicars are looking for Legislative Advocates at each parish to disseminate information from the MCC at each parish.
2. The *Good Leaders/Good Shepherds* training program for priests will cost \$6,000 per priest. The program has three phases, one for priests, one for staff, and one for lay ministers. The program will be an in-diocese sabbatical for the priests and takes 23 days over 2 years.

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Vicar's Report, continued

3. There was a presentation on *The Fisherman's Fund*, a lay-driven initiative to assist seminarians and lay ministers at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. We need to keep our eyes open for potential students and donors. Fr. Chris mentioned that funding can be something that prevents potential seminarians from applying.
4. The AOD has tracking committees for Together in Faith, the Total Pastoral Plan for Priests and Deacons, and the Hispanic Pastoral Plan. PAV is being used as an example of how to review the TIF progress. Fr. Jerry and Jacques Pasquier have developed a summary which they asked be taken to our Parish Councils for their review and input. Please bring the feedback to the next meeting.
5. Minutes from the 9-12-06 Vicars' meeting were emailed. The next meeting is on 10-10-06.

PMA Meeting

The last meeting was on October 17th and the report on it was emailed out. The main topic was on how Mega Churches draw people. Two speakers from Kensington discussed how they reach out to the "unchurched," those who do not go to a traditional church.

APC Meeting

The last meeting was on September 19th and the report on it was emailed out. Art Seidler provided an overview of the meeting.

Genesis Ministries & Campus Ministries

1. Rakhi Roy discussed how the AOD program of establishing Campus Ministers in each of the four regions in the diocese was proceeding.
2. Fusion's *Harvest for Hope* fundraising social is on 11-11-06 at the Elk's Club in Rochester.
3. The AOD and Diocese of Lansing are sponsoring, *Just Live It*, a joint young adult conference on 3-31-07 at St. John's Center in Plymouth, Michigan.
4. Genesis will be sponsoring a Mass, service project, and dinner on 12-16-06.
5. Tom Donahoo reported on the recent 3-day campus ministry conference. A video on campus ministry has been made to show to high school students to encourage them to get involved in campus ministry at college.
6. The campus ministry brochures that list the campus ministry contacts at the colleges in Michigan are being updated.
7. An alternative Spring Break project has been planned for New Orleans in February.
8. *Peter, Paul, and Pizza*, a campus ministry program at Lawrence Tech starts next week.
9. Dila Dusovic asked how students find out about the various events. Tom said that the Genesis and Campus Ministry websites, on-site presence, and parish Bulletins are used to keep students informed. The websites can be accessed through the PAV website.

Parish Council Feedback

1. Bill Travnik discussed that he is working on attending Parish Council meetings at all of the PAV parishes. Council members from St. Irenaeus have attended the St. John Fisher Council meeting.

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A Call to Service

The upcoming sessions of our ACTS training are going to be at St. Mary of the Hills on January 18, 25th and February 1, 2007. This is our vicariate training project for lay volunteers, ministry heads, and Parish Council members.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Monday, November 27, 2006 at 7:00 pm at St. John Fisher Chapel in the Rochester Room.** Sacred Heart will provide the prayers and refreshments.

Closing Prayer

The meeting ended at 9:20 pm with Renee' St. Dennis reading the closing prayer.

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Name	Parish/School/Inst/Agency	
Cathy Wagner	Archdiocese of Detroit	Present
Tom Donahoo	Campus Ministry LTU/OCC	Present
Gwen Kelly	Christ the Redeemer	Absent
Michael Goddard	Christ the Redeemer	Absent
Rakhi Roy	Genesis Ministries	Present
Renee' St. Dennis	Pontiac Catholic Community	Present
Cecelia Pacheco	Pontiac Catholic Community	Absent
Bernado Pacheco	Pontiac Catholic Community	Absent
Fr. Chris Talbot	Pontiac Catholic Community	Present
Beverly Wallace	Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital	Present
Janet Dinsmore	Sacred Heart	Present
Theresa Sayre	Sacred Heart	Present
Ryan Charlton	St. Andrew	Present
Bob Krueger	St. Andrew	Present
Connie Cunningham	St. Benedict	Absent
Grace Imbrunone	St. Benedict	Present
Art Seidler	St. Irenaeus	Present
Dave LewAllen	St. Irenaeus	Absent
Fr. Jerry Brzezinski	St. John Fisher	Present
Jacques Pasquier	St. John Fisher	Present
Lew Elbert	St. John Fisher	Present
Judy Gordon	St. John Fisher	Excused
Paul Borucki	St. John Fisher	Present
Fabiola Tonna	St. John Fisher	Absent
Jamie Felix	St. Joseph Lake Orion	Present
Kathy Hasty	St. Joseph Lake Orion	Present
Steve Lawless	St. Joseph Lake Orion	Present
Bill Travnik	St. Mary's of the Hills	Present
Terry Mike	St. Mary's of the Hills	Present
Dila Dusovic	St. Paul's Albanian	Present
Fran Ivezaj	St. Paul's Albanian	Absent