



Spring Pontiac Area Vicariate Assembly
March 23, 2009
Meeting held at St. Benedict Parish

Welcome

At 7:00 PM, Vicariate Pastoral Council Chair Steve Lawless welcomed everyone to the Assembly. A St. Benedict parish member led the opening prayer. PAV Vicar Fr. Jerry Brzezinski introduced the evening's speaker, Fr. Michael Crosby. Fr. Crosby belongs to the Midwest Province of Capuchins, serving the poor in downtown Milwaukee. He holds a Masters Degree in Economics, an STL, and a PhD in Theology. His ministry is twofold: three-fourths spent writing and speaking about biblical spirituality geared for our "First World" society and the remaining time involved in the corporate responsibility movement, advising investors concerned about using their monies to promote social change.

Keynote Address

Fr. Crosby began his presentation by defining power and how it is used. Throughout his talk, Fr. Crosby referred to a chart he's developed illustrating negative and positive ways of relating to others, centering on the idea of power within the relationship. Items discussed:

- Power is present in all relationships and involves the ability to influence others.
- Power is never neutral, it is used as a positive or negative energizing force.
- Even though we don't want to hurt others, a need to be in control often causes pain in our relationships.
- Unhealthy relationships often involve domination through control.
- Fear of abandonment causes people to stay in abusive relationships.
- Violence is defined as any directed force that causes pain. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared that "violence is always sinful."

Fr. Mike discussed conflict management and conflict resolution. Active listening between people leads to mutual understanding and acceptance. Forgiveness is key if one is to avoid being imprisoned by the past. Positive use of power enhances collaboration, understanding, mutual listening and helps parties reach agreement. Throughout his talk, Fr. Mike used examples from his own life or from people he's encountered.

Table Discussion and Feedback

After a brief break, those present were encouraged to discuss how Fr. Mike's presentation helped them see where they were on their spiritual path. Another table question asked if understanding the uses of power is helpful in parish ministry and pastoral counseling. Steve facilitated a brief summary from the small groups to the entire audience.

Conclusion

The program concluded at 9:00 PM with a closing prayer.

Attendance

AOD-Jail Ministry	Peggy Devaney, IHM
AOD-Parish Life	Cathy Wagner
Catholic Social Services	Marge Huggard
Catholic Social Services	Susan Masiak
CCRT	Barbara Williams
Christ the Redeemer	Rene Bryce
Christ the Redeemer	Nancy Clancy
Christ the Redeemer	Fr. Joe Dailey
Christ the Redeemer	Nancy Danko
Christ the Redeemer	Don Danko
Christ the Redeemer	Sue Donovan

Christ the Redeemer	Sue Kachorek
Christ the Redeemer	Marilyn Lines
Christ the Redeemer	Jan Lumetta
Christ the Redeemer	Pat McClerren
Christ the Redeemer	Mary-Elizabeth Murray
Christ the Redeemer	Carol Owens
Christ the Redeemer	Jim Owens
Christ the Redeemer	Ken Pratt
Christ the Redeemer	Lisa Pratt
Christ the Redeemer	Mari Reyes
Christ the Redeemer	Mary Schimmel
Christ the Redeemer	Sharon Slipek
Christ the Redeemer	Karen Swietlik
Christ the Redeemer	Dale Youngpeter
Holy Family School	Sr. Karen Hawver, SC
Holy Family School	Carla Vandercruyssen
Lourdes Senior Community	Colleen Burke
Notre Dame Prep	Sandy Favrow
Oakland Cty Children's Village	Carleen Ward
OCC/LTU	Tom Donahoo
Our Lady of the Lakes	Holly Longo
Our Lady of the Lakes	Carm Smolinski
PAV	Judy Gordon
Pontiac Catholic Community	Maria Charria
Pontiac Catholic Community	Maria Jimenez
Sacred Heart of the Hills	Marguerite Rouleau
Sacred Heart of the Hills	Ann Thomas
St. Andrew	Patricia Anderson
St. Andrew	Dianne Bubnar
St. Andrew	Edward Grace
St. Andrew	Mary Grace
St. Andrew	Richard Koerber
St. Andrew	Cecilia Mrock
St. Andrew	Joe Soncrant
St. Andrew	Kit Wojcik
St. Andrew	Tony Wojcik
St. Benedict	Bonnie Banaszek
St. Benedict	Susan Camilleri
St. Benedict	Maria Geryk
St. Benedict	Robert Geryk
St. Benedict	Grace Imbrunone
St. Benedict	Fr. Tom Kuehnemund
St. Benedict	Gregg Peterson
St. Benedict	Joseph Salvador
St. Daniel	Kathy Disrochurs
St. Irenaeus	Jen Gerada
St. Irenaeus	Tom Govern
St. Irenaeus	Theresa Mungioli

St. Irenaeus	Dahlvin Peterson
St. Irenaeus	Fr. Frank Pollie
St. Irenaeus	Art Seidler
St. Irenaeus	Nancy Seidler
St. John Fisher	Paul Borucki
St. John Fisher	Louise Borucki
St. John Fisher	Tim Brisbois
St. John Fisher	Fr. Jerry Brzezinski
St. John Fisher	Brian Clark
St. John Fisher	Jeannie Daly
St. John Fisher	Anne Doyle
St. John Fisher	Jerry Drongowski
St. John Fisher	Jan Elbert
St. John Fisher	Lew Elbert
St. John Fisher	Jeannette Hojnacki
St. John Fisher	Nancy Isken
St. John Fisher	Thomas Kilkenney
St. John Fisher	James Masiak
St. John Fisher	Dairdre McGlothlin
St. John Fisher	Frank Mulso
St. John Fisher	Joann Mulso
St. John Fisher	Terri Nelson-Drongowski
St. John Fisher	Monte Oberlee
St. John Fisher	Jacques Pasquier
St. John Fisher	Joe Pauwels
St. John Fisher	Laura Rangos
St. John Fisher	Sheran Tioran
St. John Fisher	Mary VanGilder, IHM
St. John Fisher	Mary Ann Weller
St. Joseph, Lake Orion	Debbie Bloomgren
St. Joseph, Lake Orion	Mike Bloomgren
St. Joseph, Lake Orion	Denise Donaldson
St. Joseph, Lake Orion	Kathy Hasty
St. Joseph, Lake Orion	Steve Lawless
St. Joseph, Lake Orion	Mary Martin
St. Joseph, Lake Orion	Jon Myers
St. Joseph, Lake Orion	Kim Myers
St. Joseph, Lake Orion	Fr. Mike Verschaeve
St. Mary of the Hills	Jack Cashman
St. Mary of the Hills	Joan Cashman
St. Mary of the Hills	Peggy Casing
St. Paul Albanian	Kanto Dushoj
St. Paul Albanian	Dila Dusovic
St. Paul Albanian	Franz-Llesh Gishij
St. Paul Albanian	Fr. Anton Kcira
St. Paul Albanian	Shaq Nicaaj
	Fred Cavaiani
	Mary Coyle

