



Vicariate Pastoral Council Minutes
April 27, 2009
Meeting held at St. John Fisher

The meeting began at 7:03 PM. Jack Cashman led the group in an opening prayer.

Introduction

Steve Lawless asked everyone to introduce themselves and identify the parish or group they represent. He also asked them to share comments and feedback from their parishes on the March PAV assembly. Council members reported:

- Assembly was interesting and engaging; many were familiar with Michael Crosby
- Reputation of Fr. Crosby was a draw for attendance
- Loved the Food!
- Control/anger topic was relevant
- Liked Crosby's model of power and influence
- Good presentation but time was a problem (not long enough for topic)
- St. Ben's enjoyed hosting

Ideas for future assemblies:

St. Joseph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functions/roles/responsibilities of parish councils and commissions. How do other parishes operate? • Current economy and how to help parishioners; Effect on parishes
Christ the Redeemer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicariate mission/assembly that is open to all, not just leadership
St. Benedict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy: How current plans and projects at parishes are being impacted.
St. John Fisher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual Enrichment • Learn about Archdiocese and Catholic Services Appeal • Outreach
St. Irenaeus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stem cell research and use of adult stem cells rather than embryonic • Relationships with Islamic congregations • CSA in the Archdiocese
Fr. Jerry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Shape of the Church in the Future" with Fr. Timothy Radcliff as possible speaker next March (coordinate with existing visit sponsored by AOD)
St. Andrew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to become a dynamic and evangelizing parish
Sacred Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice and Peace issues with Michael Hovey • Career Mentoring, possibly presented by the St. Andrew group • Encouraging increased participation by the lay faithful in ministries • Pre-marriage programs (including couples who are preparing for 2nd marriages, couples who are living together, couples who have children already) • Baptismal preparation
Young Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Adult evangelization • Moving from maintenance into mission • Catholic Church <u>is</u> a Megachurch: Reclaiming our identity
St. Paul Albanian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage Encounter/Marriage Enrichment

Focus Item for Discussion

PAV Services Operations Committee Report

Dale Youngpeter, Chair of the Services Operations committee, gave a report on Genesis Ministries and the Vision Campaign for Catholic Schools.

Genesis Ministries:

- Genesis serves parishes in five Vicariates in Oakland County to address the unique spiritual needs of young adults.
- Leadership board meets quarterly.
- Participates in two AOD-wide events each year (conference and symposium).
- Sponsors 2-4 retreats per year – would like funding for scholarships for retreats.
- Primary focus is to grow in community.
- Communication primarily via email, website, calendars, newsletter, bulletin inserts.
- Working to interact more with Hispanic young adult groups in Pontiac. Many of the same activities are already taking place.

Vision 2000 Campaign:

- Exists to manage the ongoing finances of the Vision 2000 Campaign for Catholic Schools.
- Paul Borucki is the business manager and Judy Gordon recently assumed administrative assistant duties.
- Phase I involves \$10 million in pledges that is currently being collected
- Phase II was created to pay off the remaining \$10 million of bond debt. This is being paid by parishes and schools.
- Paul Borucki distributed a current budget worksheet
- Fr. Jerry gave a brief history of the campaign and the reason PAV schools are supported by the entire Vicariate. He said parish-only schools are becoming a thing of the past due to increased expenses.

ICLM Hispanic Leadership Training Institute

Cecelia Pacheco and Alejandra Barnes gave a presentation on this Hispanic leadership training program, held at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. Consisting of five courses and optional seminars over a multi-year period, it aims to develop and strengthen networks of collaboration among Hispanic faith groups. Promoting dialogue and intercultural communication is also an objective. The Institute forms leadership within the faith and culture of the Hispanic/Latino community to serve in the Catholic Church and society.

The mission of ICLM is twofold: To articulate a profound, accurate and appropriate pastoral-theological formation to respond to Jesus' call into the Catholic church's mission in the United States; and to empower a creative and responsible leadership on pastoral practices within the Latino community with its gifts and challenges in the context of our local reality in the whole church.

Cecelia is on the ICLM board and has been involved since the Institute's inception ten years ago. Both women are going through the current curriculum that began this year. Their presentation detailed how the program continues at home parishes with the development of projects that are presented and reviewed when the group reassembles at Notre Dame. More information is available online at <http://www.iclminstitute.org/> .

The PAV has provided financial support in the past for students in this program and Alejandra requested that this continue. Fr. Jerry said that we are providing scholarships for both Lourdes Smith and Alejandra for five classes at a cost of \$500 for each class.

2008-2009 Year End Report

Steve gave a very brief overview of the VPC's accomplishments this year, including the work of the committees, the service operations and the assemblies. He will complete this report and present it in more detail in May.

Action Items:

Catholic Social Services Task Force Recommendations:

Marge Huggard, President of Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, gave an update on her effort to examine the current structure of the Catholic social service agencies in the AOD. She became convinced this needed to be done when her agency was unable to apply for a government grant because they do not serve the entire region. Grants are trending to larger amounts now, and since CSSOC receives much of its funding from these sources, they need to be in serious contention for large grants.

Marge said that at the same time she was developing a model of how the Catholic agencies could be reconfigured, Bishop Vigneron was putting five task forces together to study all areas of the Archdiocese. Marge hopes that her input will be considered as the Archdiocese looks at their future structure and operation. Our diocese has emphasized parish involvement and outreach for many years and one of the main goals of any change is to strengthen the connection between parishes and agencies.

Steve has worked with Marge on a functional diagram of how the current and potential agencies could operate. Most likely, any changes will need to be evolutionary in nature, i.e. combining programs that currently exist or having different agencies manage unique areas.

Reports/Updates

Vicar's Report – Fr. Jerry said the next Vicars' meeting will be on April 29.

PAV Hispanic Gathering – Dawy Gonzalez-Ruiz reported that the event has been moved to St. Mary of the Hills at the request of Bishop Flores who preferred a parish that already has some Hispanic activities. A date has not been set yet and Dawy has not been in touch with parish liaisons. The Hispanic ad hoc committee is scheduled to meet on May 3. Dawy is hoping to schedule the event on a Sunday afternoon in August or September. Fr. Jerry asked that they find a date as soon as possible so that marketing can begin in bulletins, newsletters, emails, etc.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council – The last meeting was on March 3. Art reported that Bishop Vigneron was at the meeting and very engaged in the discussions at the table groups. Kit said she is excited to be on the APC and represent the PAV. Both agreed that this body seems to be a key part of the Bishop's plan to interact with parishes in the AOD. The next APC meeting will take place on June 2.

Open Forum/Communications

- Tom Donahoo distributed information on upcoming seminars at Madonna University and the Retreat Center at St. Johns.
- Marge Huggard asked everyone take a poster for their parish on a long-term care presentation at Sacred Heart of the Hills' Fr. Kreft Center on May 16, from 1:00 –3:00 PM.
- The Catholic Social Services of Oakland County spring gala is Saturday, May 2, at Oakland Hills country club. Tickets are still available.
- Rakhi announced a "Seven Steps to Becoming Financially Free" seminar for young adults.
- Art invited everyone to help with food packaging for Guatemala happening on May 5, 6, and 7 at St. Irenaeus.
- Dale said the Youth Ministry trailer proposal will be updated and brought to the VPC again. He will work with Jack Cashman and Chris Kozlowski to iron out some details.
- Alejandra invited everyone to a Mother's Day brunch and fundraiser at St. Michael's parish on May 9 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The meeting ended at 9:12 PM.

Upcoming VPC Meetings

May 18, 2009 – MEETING AT 6:30 PM followed by dinner. Please invite new VPC members!

Attendance

Cathy Wagner	Archdiocese of Detroit
Tom Donahoo	Campus Ministry/OCC, LTU
Jan Lumetta	Christ the Redeemer
Dale Youngpeter	Christ the Redeemer
Rakhi Roy	Genesis Ministries
Bonnie Banaszek	Pastoral Ministers' Association rep.
Judy Gordon	PAV Administrative Assistant
Paul Borucki	PAV Business Manager
Janet Dinsmoore	Sacred Heart of the Hills
John Schmidt	Sacred Heart of the Hills
Kit Wojcik	St. Andrew
Dianne Bubnar	St. Andrew
Gregg Peterson	St. Benedict
Cathy Settle	St. Benedict
Art Seidler	St. Irenaeus
Dawy Gonzalez-Ruiz	St. John Fisher
Joe Pauwels	St. John Fisher
Fr. Jerry Brzezinski	St. John Fisher
Denise Donaldson	St. Joseph
Steve Lawless	St. Joseph
Jack Cashman	St. Mary of the Hills
Dila Dusovic	St. Paul Albanian
Marge Huggard	Catholic Social Services of Oakland Cty
Cecelia Pacheco	Pontiac Catholic Community
Alejandra Barnes	Pontiac Catholic Community