



## Vicariate Pastoral Council Minutes May 18, 2009 Meeting held at St. John Fisher

The meeting began at 6:30 PM. Dila Dusovic led the group in an opening prayer.

### **Introduction**

Steve Lawless welcomed everyone, especially Mary Margaret Brosch who is considering joining the VPC next year as representative from St. Mary of the Hills. Fr. Jerry presented Steve with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the Council. Terry Mike, who is also leaving this year, was not present to receive her certificate.

### **Focus Item for Discussion**

#### **Pastoral Care Update**

Alex reported that he:

- Has contacted all of the hospitals and three nursing homes in the area and provided them with brochures and anointing cards.
- Intends to email the hospitals every month to see if they are utilizing the materials and if they need any additional help or information.
- Has visited all parishes except St. Paul's and the Pontiac parishes. He will go to St. Vincent/St. Michael after the new pastor takes over July 1.
- Intends to contact hospices in the area soon.
- Needs the finalized list of priests who are willing to take emergency calls. Fr. Jerry said he will get this to Alex as soon as he can. Alex wants to provide this to hospitals for their use as an answering service will not be used.

Fr. Jerry added that the pastoral document on the Sacrament of the Sick is almost ready and may be included as an insert with the June PAV newsletter. It will also be available on the PAV website.

Steve asked what metrics would be collected to measure the effectiveness of the PAV's multi-year Pastoral Care of the Sick effort. Cathy Wagner said that Mike Harning from her staff worked on this project with the understanding that it would be a test case that could be shared with other vicariates if it's successful. She needs to "close the loop" with solid information before she can promote this around the AOD. Effectiveness can only be judged if there are ways to determine whether or not the implementation plan: serves the need of the sick; reduces the workload on priests; and prevents emergency calls from falling disproportionately on a few parishes.

Discussion followed on what kind of information to collect. Ideas included the number and location of communal anointing services and if people are seeking anointings at a parish other than their home parish. Alex will work on keeping track of data as best he can.

#### **Hispanic Gathering**

Dawy said that the Hispanic gathering will take place at St. Mary of the Hills. The committee has met and generated a lot of ideas, but they are waiting for a date when Bishop Flores is available. This has been a challenge to finalize and if they can't get a commitment from Bishop Flores, they may ask Fr. Jim Kean, new pastor in Pontiac, to preside at the Mass. As of now, they are hoping for a Saturday or Sunday afternoon between August and October.

The committee has ideas for flyers and ways to publicize the gathering. Dawy will call Bishop Flores' office this week and send out the date as soon as he has it. It would be best to have the date in the June PAV newsletter that goes to the printer next week.

**Action Items:**

**Youth Ministry Trailer**

Dale summarized the history of this proposal that was also discussed at the April VPC meeting. He has verified that there is sufficient money available for this purchase. Questions regarding storage, insurance, title, etc. have been resolved and Fr. Jerry said he supports the purchase. All agreed and Dale will contact Chris Kozlowski with the suggestion he purchase it as soon as he can. The approximate cost is \$2,500. St. Mary of the Hills has agreed to store the trailer. When used, the group/parish that uses it will pay a small fee to cover upkeep, insurance and maintenance.

**Reports/Updates**

**Vicar’s Report** – Fr. Jerry reported on the April 29th Vicars’ meeting. The five task forces that are examining all areas of the AOD Central Office are still at work. One change that may happen soon is changing to email communication rather than U.S. mail from the AOD. The Tracking Committee will meet soon to review the Together In Faith updates. Five priests will be ordained on May 30. Fr. Jerry thinks the vicar transition will happen in September, based on when/if the Council of Vicars and the Presbyteral Council are merged into one body.

**Archdiocesan Pastoral Council** – Art Seidler said that the next APC meeting will take place on June 2. Due to the evaluation that is underway of how the AOD functions, terms of APC members have been extended until October.

**Open Forum/Communications**

- Alex said he will contact parishes to find out when the next anointing services are. He will send this information to Judy for the PAV website.
- Kit invited everyone to a concert at St. Andrew’s on May 29 at 8:00 PM. A free will offering will be taken for Paint A Miracle.
- Rakhi said there will be a Young Adult Bible Camp on June 12-14 at Columbiere.
- Dila said that St. Paul’s has a July 4 party that all are welcome to attend.

The meeting ended at 7:40 PM, followed by dinner provided by Fr. Jerry.

**Future VPC Meetings (TENTATIVE)**

Orientation for new members: August 17, 2009

Council Meetings: September 28, 2009, November 23, 2009, January 25, 2010  
February 22, 2010, April 26, 2010 May 24, 2010

Assemblies: October 26, 2009 at St. Andrew Parish  
March 11, 2010 at St. Paul Albanian (Tentative)

**Attendance**

Cathy Wagner	Archdiocese of Detroit
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
Alex Jablonowski	PAV Deacon
Kit Wojcik	St. Andrew
Dianne Bubnar	St. Andrew
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
Mary Margaret Brosch	St. Mary of the Hills
Jack Cashman	St. Mary of the Hills
Dila Dusovic	St. Paul Albanian