



**Vicariate Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**June 7, 2011**  
**Meeting held at Holy Family Regional School**  
**South Campus**

The meeting began at 6:20 PM with a prayer led by Denise Donaldson. She explained that this final Council meeting was to review the past year, say farewell and thank you to Council members who are leaving the VPC, introduce the new VPC and Executive Committee and briefly review our progress toward our stated goals and pastoral plan.

**Year in Review**

Denise presented highlights of the 2010-11 Council year. She stated that even though our original plans were disrupted by the Together in Faith process that we began in March, the VPC should feel good about our activities. She thanked everyone for their time and dedication to the Pontiac Area Vicariate.

Denise's presentation is included at the end of these minutes.

**Council Changes**

Fr. Stan thanked VPC members who have completed their terms and will not be serving on the Council anymore. He especially thanked outgoing Chair Denise Donaldson for her two years at the helm, having stepped in early when Jack Cashman passed away unexpectedly. In addition to Denise, council members who will not be returning are: Sue Camilleri, Dianne Bubnar, Dale Youngpeter, Dawy Gonzalez-Ruiz, and PMA Liaison Sandy Favrow.

The 2011-12 Executive Committee will be: Jan Lumetta, Chair; Kit Wojcik, Vice-Chair; Steve Lawless, APC Representative; Fr. Stan Ulman, Vicar; Paul Borucki, PAV Business Manager; and Judy Gordon, PAV Administrative Assistant. The Executive Committee also includes a liaison from the Pastoral Ministers' Association who has not yet been selected.

**Goals and Objectives Update**

Steve Lawless provided an update on the progress of made this year on our goals and objectives. Some items were redirected due to Together in Faith. Objectives for next year are in development and will be presented at the August VPC meeting.

**Vicar's Report**

Fr. Stan reported on the most recent Presbyteral Council meeting:

- Crittenton chaplain – no agreement has been reached with Crittenton hospital to cover part of Fr. Joy's salary. This means the PAV will continue to pay as we have been doing.
- Together in Faith – while financial issues are certainly important as this process unfolds throughout the AOD, developing a shared vision, purpose, and direction and sharing key services is also a hoped-for outcome.
- The company running the new capital campaign has developed a set of tools for parish comparison. Parishes have been assigned to a cohort of similar parishes (size, demographics, etc.) and will be able to compare their income and expenses with like communities.

Fr. Stan announced new assignments in the PAV: new pastors at St. Paul Albanian and St. Irenaeus, a new administrator at St. Benedict parish and a new principal at Holy Family School. We also have a new regional bishop, recently arrived from Texas.

The meeting ended at 7:00 PM

**Attendance**

Steve Lawless	APC Representative
Jan Lumetta	Christ the Redeemer
Judy Gordon	PAV Administrative Assistant
Paul Borucki	PAV Business Manager
Janet Dinsmoore	Sacred Heart of the Hills
Dianne Bubnar	St. Andrew
Kit Wojcik	St. Andrew
Sue Camilleri	St. Benedict
Art Seidler	St. Irenaeus
Ann Moran	St. John Fisher
Denise Donaldson	St. Joseph
Fr. Stan Ulman	St. Mary of the Hills
Mary Margaret Brosch	St. Mary of the Hills

**Pontiac Area Vicariate Pastoral Council –  
Year in Review - July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011  
Presented by Denise Donaldson**

**August 10:** We started the year and got to know each other. Everyone was assigned to an Ad Hoc Committee or to a standing committee. We reviewed our goals and objectives for the year

**September 7:** Mary Martin from St. Joseph Church did a presentation on the current status of our Pastoral Care of the Sick plan and the work the committee intended to do. Recommendations would be made in January 2011 about how to move forward with this initiative.

Barb Williams from CCRT did a presentation explaining what they do and who they serve. She also updated us on the financial and volunteer needs of CCRT.

Plans were being made to host a diversity fair in November.

**October 5:** Steve Lawless did a presentation regarding the development of a new and long range AoD Pastoral Plan. There are seven sub-committees that are working to develop goals and objectives in different areas. Steve presented the work that his Christian Service and Outreach sub-committee has done.

John Lajiness from the Aod Dept of Evangelization came in to talk to us. The goal of his department is to encourage parishes to return to their mission--speaking, teaching and passing on our faith. John's main focus is encouraging Catholics to witness and evangelize.

Alejandra sadly had to announce that our diversity fair had to be cancelled because we could not get enough participation.

**November 9:** Jason Gapa from Habitat for Humanity came in and gave a wonderful presentation about what they do and how they work. He expressed that they were looking for qualified families and it was recommended that he get in touch with CCRT and St. Vincent de Paul.

I gave a report on the initiative to strengthen marriages based on an initial brainstorming meeting between me, Fr. Stan & Ron Valade.

An update was given on the planning work that was beginning for the Spring Assembly. The speaker was determined to be Fr. Richard Fragomeni and the topic is "changes in the liturgy".

**December 2010:** No meeting

**January 4:** Kathy Hasty from St. Joe's came in to present the final report and recommendations from the Pastoral Care of the Sick Implementation Committee.

Update on Spring Assembly. Topic is officially "The New Roman Missal".

Fr. Stan informed us that there is a big initiative being unveiled by Archbishop Vigneron - Together in Faith: Phase II which will focus on developing a comprehensive plan for parishes and schools. The directive was that VPC's would spend their meetings engaged in the planning process and in guided discussions on various aspects of parish life.

Ron Valade reported the progress of the Initiative to Strengthen Marriages.

Dale Youngpeter began his Service Operations Committee report. There was much discussion about ACTS and the lack of attendance. Due to time the presentation was cut short to be resumed at the next meeting.

**February 8:** Sr. Peggy Devaney came in to speak about Jail and Outreach Ministry. She talked about its history and its current status. She expressed a need for volunteering, funding and spreading awareness.

Mike McCallion talked to us about the Together in Faith Phase II program. What it is, why we're doing it, what is the expected outcome, how do we accomplish this, etc. Lots of questions and concerns. It was determined that our meetings for March, April, May and June would be focused on TIF II and our regular business would be temporarily suspended.

Paul distributed the preliminary PAV budget for the coming year. The budget was very similar to previous years except for the decision to eliminate funding for the ACTS program. Also, an agreement was made regarding the annual PAV subsidy to Notre Dame prep. It will be paid off by 2015 with no further subsidy.

**March - May:** Together in Faith Phase II