

Archdiocesan Tracking Committee

The Pontiac Area Vicariate's Reporting Form

The Pontiac Area Vicariate's Together in Faith (T1F) Plan approved by Cardinal Maida included several goals, objectives or strategies to be met by certain deadlines. Please comment briefly on your vicariate's progress to date. Attach any detailed reports that you think would be helpful. **Red** equals being implemented and **Blue** equals future year(s).

1. The Vicariate identified a need for all to better understand the sacramental role of the Priest as Celebrants of Sacraments and as Pastors, through Adult Education. Progress to date:

Currently individual parishes are responsible for implementing plan through homilies, celebration of sacraments, and faith formation programs. Adult Education: In partnership with the Archdiocese of Detroit the vicariate will contract the services of a qualified catechetical leader to develop during the 2007/2008 program year a Vicariate-wide curriculum/ educational process around the topic of sacramentality to be approved by the Vicariate Catechetical Leaders for implementation in the following years in order to raise consciousness and deepen understanding of sacramentality and sacraments for all adults.

2. There is a need to respond to the growing needs of the Hispanic Community. Progress to date:

Presentation of Hispanic pastoral plan to Vicariate leadership (pastors, parish councils members, pastoral ministers, etc.)in September 2006. Discussion and proposals at the level of all parish councils. Final action plans to be consolidated by January 2007 for review and approval by Vicariate Pastoral Council

3. The increasing population in the northern part of the vicariate indicated a possible need for a new parish and an additional "vicariate" mass. Progress to date:

Committee formed in summer 2006 to study both requirements and potential solutions. Involves Pastors of parishes impacted as well as members of Vicariate Pastoral Council and AOD members. Report findings to Vicariate Pastoral Council in April 2007.

4. The vicariate plans to develop a vicariate-wide approach to pastoral care in light of declining availability of ordained ministers and to develop better communications among parishes. To achieve this, they will create a mission statement to increase understanding of the vicariate as an "Area Church". Progress to date:

Committee formed to study issues related to coordination of pastoral care for hospitals, retirement homes etc. Survey initiated in the summer of 2006 with large participation of all parishes, hospitals and retirement homes. Recommendations communicated to VPC and Pastoral Ministers Association in the fall of 2006. Final committee to be formed in January 2007 to formulate final recommendations and implementation plan for approval by VPC in the spring 2007. Should result in better coordination of pastoral services. At the same time, the VPC has engaged in several activities to reinforce the notion of "Area Church" in the vicariate. These activities included: 1) establishment of Operational Procedures for the Vicariate Pastoral Council, 2) the establishment of a Mission Statement defining the role of the VPC 3) the formation of a PAV financial committee and 4) the publication of a quarterly vicariate newsletter distributed in all parishes with the Sunday bulletins.

5. The Vicariate will identify and coordinate Christian Service activities, particularly with the Catholic Community Response Team. Progress to date:

Through the efforts of the Christian Services ministers, the Catholic Community Response Team (CCRT) has been fully functioning in the last two years, serving more than 900 clients in Pontiac. Individual parishes are supporting these efforts through financial aid, direct involvement of youth groups and sponsoring of families at Christmas time. Efforts are presently made to communicate present status and present needs to all parish councils of the Vicariate.

6. Every parish and school will coordinate youth ministry. Progress to date:

- **2004/2005 - Youth Ministry/Teens: First - to bring together the youth ministers of our vicariate to *unify* us as a team. We need to hear their desires, wants and needs so we as a group can find out how we are best able to support, uphold and challenge one another. We need to talk about our parish *and* vicariate vision for youth ministry, to examine where we are and where we want to be in 2007. This can only be accomplished through shared time and information (the challenges to shared time, in particular, are multi-faceted). Young Adults/Genesis Ministries: Continue to support and participate in the Oakland County Wide Genesis Ministries, i.e. to reach single and married young adults between 18-35 years old in the 59 parishes in Oakland County of the AOD by collaborating with exiting programs at campus and parish levels, and providing a foundation for future growth to address young adults' unique and spiritual and social needs – functioning with AOD since July 1, 2006.**
- **2005/2006 - Youth Ministry/Teens: Second - through the newfound unity of the youth ministers, share the vision and mission of our *area church* with our young people. We hope to accomplish this through intentional collaboration in vicariate events that bring the teens (and families of teens) together in shared prayer and worship, service and community life. „Young Adults/Genesis Ministries: Continue to support and participate in the Oakland County Wide Genesis Ministries**

7. The vicariate plan calls for a stewardship education program. Progress to date:

In the spring of 2006, PAV sponsored a vicariate-wide workshop on “True Stewardship” presented by the Institute for School and Parish Development. More than 100 leaders from the vicariate participated in the workshop. Presently studying the possibility of a vicariate-wide Sunday dedicated to ‘stewardship’.

8. Vicariate-wide coordination of lay and ordained programs, education and certification of lay leadership, and a study of the role of deacons will address the vicariate's needs for pastoral care. Progress to date:

In the spring and summer of 2006, a group of pastoral ministers supported by AOD developed a training program for lay volunteers called “A Call To Serve” (ACTS). First workshop with 20 participants delivered in the fall of 2006. Other workshops planned for winter, spring and fall 2007 with an Hispanic component for the Pontiac Catholic Community in development now.

9. The Vicariate will emphasize support of Catholic Education, studying specifically the Marist Academy on St. Benedict's campus. Progress to date:

This was completed in 2004/2005 fiscal year and continues in development currently.

Has your vicariate made any significant changes, amendments or additions to your TIF Plan since it has been approved? Please describe below, including rationale for change, timeline and projected outcomes. Attach any detailed reports.

No major changes in the plan at this time. One initiative not mentioned in this document has to do with present study of potential clustering or any other form of sharing ordained minister.

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