

PAV HISPANIC AD HOC COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE VPC
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1. The PAV Hispanic Ad Hoc Committee was created “to suggest ways to integrate so we may better serve our Hispanic brothers and sisters as an Area Church” (from the 5 PAV Objectives for 2007-2008). It also functions as a resource to the VPC regarding the implementation of the AOD/PAV Hispanic Pastoral Plan.
2. The Committee has met four times (August 2007, September 2007, October 2007 and January 2008) and has identified the following objectives/tasks for implementation at PAV parishes (other than the Pontiac Catholic Community):
 - Draft bulletin announcements/invitations in Spanish
 - Identify Hispanic leadership currently involved in PAV parishes
 - Request Spanish version of PAV newsletter
 - Disseminate information at PAV parishes about CSSOC Hispanic Outreach services
 - Promote the inclusion of Spanish/bilingual liturgical songs at PAV parishes
 - Make Spanish/bilingual resources available to PAV DREs.
 - Draft engaging and informative articles for the PAV newsletter to help dissipate animosity toward undocumented Hispanic population
 - Provide for women to have parish-centered activities
3. The Committee recommends supporting an existing initiative by the Pontiac Catholic Community to coordinate outreach ministry to trailer parks (there are groups in these communities that already meet regularly and participate in PCC activities). Since they represent different PAV parishes/regions, the Hispanic Ad Hoc Committee suggests that the VPC interact with them to begin establishing a connection with our Hispanic brothers and sisters that live in the area and participate with these groups. Once the link is made, the goal would be to have them hold their meetings at PAV parishes. This *Base Communities* model has been endorsed by the National Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry since 1987.
4. The Ad Hoc Committee has also been discussing the following two ongoing challenges during meetings:
 - a. How can the PAV be of assistance to the Pontiac Catholic Community while still making a genuine effort to meet the needs of Hispanics within their parish boundaries?
 - b. How can the Pontiac Catholic Community be of assistance to the PAV in identifying Hispanic brothers and sisters in other PAV parishes and launching into the implementation phase of this process?
5. The PAV Hispanic Ad Hoc committee is a vicariate initiative, not an Hispanic initiative for the benefit of Hispanics. It acknowledges and respects existing structures and seeks to find ways to implement initiatives utilizing current resources and personnel.