

Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting
Holy Family, Memphis
January 13, 2010

Present:

Vicar – Fr. Joe Horn
AOD Facilitator – Lory McGlinnen
Cardinal Mooney – Bruce Beaton
Holy Family – John Mastej
Holy Trinity – Sandy Chopman
Immaculate Conception – Amy O’Gara
Our Lady on the River – Roberta Ivan
St. Augustine – Gerry St. John
St. Edward on the Lake – Sarah Rutkowski & Hank Rutkowski
St. Mary – St. Clair – Fred Kilcline
St. Mary, Port Huron – Garry Isaacson
St. Mary Queen of Creation – Larry Paczkowski (APC)
Young Adult/Campus Minister – Eric Coules
DRE’s – Tina Kovalcik
Principals – Rachael Becker
Vicariate Secretary – Debie Hauer

Not represented:

St. Christopher, Hispanic Ministry, Christian Service, Youth Ministry

Gerry St. John brought the meeting to order at 7:10
Fr. Joe Horn led us in a prayer and reflection.
November 11, 2009 minutes were approved.

APC REPORT – LORY MC GLINNEN

Restructuring

Lory brought a power point presentation titled
“The New Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Structure”
A presentation to the Presbyterial Council
January 2010

This presentation laid out all of the details of the restructuring of the Archdiocese of Detroit including the restructuring of the Archdiocese Pastoral Council (APC).
There are now four regions which consist of four vicariates each. Each region will have a moderator. The Regional Moderator will live in his region.
The APC will be a new body as well.

Criteria for APC Representatives

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Representatives will be nominated by the Vicars. Their names and biographies or resumes will be submitted to the Archbishop for his consideration and appointment. They will serve a minimum of two years, at the will of the Archbishop. Finally, they will meet each of the following criteria.

- Will be a fully initiated, active, practicing Catholic in good standing and a member of a parish.
- Will have experience in strategic planning, either in your work place, in your parish, or as a volunteer.
- Will be a current or past member of their Parish Pastoral Council or Vicariate Pastoral Council.
- Will have participated in the Together In Faith Pastoral Planning process with either their parish or their vicariate.
- Will have an understanding of archdiocesan structures such as the Central Service offices, Vicariate and Parish Pastoral Councils, Presbyteral Council, etc.
- Will be willing to commit to serving on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council for two years.
- Will have the endorsement of their Vicar and Vicariate Pastoral Council.

Link to complete details of the restructuring

<http://www.aodonline.org/AODOnline/Together+In+Faith+12019/apc.htm>

REPORTS

The Cardinal Mooney and DRE report were email ahead of time. The Principal, Young Adults and Youth Minister reports were handed out at the meeting. All reports will be on file with the minutes.

Follow up and Questions regarding reports

DRE's

Follow up to Tattered and Worn. Bishop Flores is unable to keep his commitment to speak at St. Mary Queen of Creation on February 2nd. He will be moving to Texas by then.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Eric informed us that as the new Regional Young Adult Minister he will be requesting funds from each vicariate to support their ministry.

Lory told him to put a proposal together to submit to the Priests and to the VPC. Further discussion was tabled until next month so a proposal can be reviewed.

Subcommittee Reports are to be dropped from the agenda.

ARCHDIOCESAN LIAISON REPORT

Lory will be moving to Central Region. Her office is hiring someone to take over our region. Next month she hopes to be at our meeting with the new person.

OLD BUSINESS

Our budget

We need to put a new vicariate budget together. Fr. Joe wants to make sure we are not asking the parishes to pay more into a vicariate budget than absolutely necessary. For instance we have \$1000 under Stewardship and \$5000.00 under Young Adult ministry. We did not come close to using either. The current budget figures were set by the Sub Committees at the time of its inception.

There were three Sub Committees:

- 1) Stewardship
- 2) Youth and Young Adult and
- 3) Multi Cultural.

No one from the original Sub Committees are still on VPC. We need to reconstitute our Sub Committees and they need to be transitional.

Lory said that we need to be sure the VPC is setting the spending goals for this budget not staff. In other words the DRE's or the Youth Ministers do not say how much they should get of the budget the VPC does.

Garry said that their needs to be criteria set for approval of spending. Fr. Joe asked who would be willing to be on a budget committee and meet a half an hour before our next meeting. Larry Paczkowski and Garry Isaacson agreed to be on the budget committee and will come one half hour earlier next month.

NEW BUSINESS

The Drift

Currently the Drift is a bi-monthly publication. We discussed the advantages of making it a monthly pub. The information would be more current. We would get more information submitted because parishes do not necessarily know the details of their events two months a head of time. Every one agreed that a monthly publication would be more desirable.

Amy stated that she believes we should in no way pay for this. The publisher, Liturgical, will get more advertisers if it is a monthly pub.

Fr. Joe stated that we want to make sure because we do not want to change it twice. He will take this to the Vicariate Clergy meeting for discussion.

Reconciliation Services

Fr. Joe spoke about the advantages of the Blue Water Vicariate combining our Reconciliation Services. He suggests we have three to four sites and have a lot of priests at each site so the wait won't be longer than it currently is. This would make it much easier to get the necessary amount of priests. The VPC supports Fr. Joe in this and he will take it to the Vicariate Clergy.

OPEN FORUM

John Magesti talked about the Career Transition Ministry. He would like the vicariate to support this ministry financially. Fr. Joe told him to write a proposal and then request to be put on the agenda.

Closing

The meeting closed with the Stewardship Prayer and adjourned at 9:15.

Next Meeting is February 10, 2010.

Refreshments will be provided by Immaculate Conception

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debie Hauer