

Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting
All Saints, Memphis
June 11, 2008

Craig LaDuke brought the meeting to order at 7:15. Fr. David started with a reading from the Gospel of Matt and a prayer.

Present: Vicar -Fr. David Burgard, Fr. Nick Zukowski; Cardinal Mooney - Craig LaDuke; Holy Family – Catherine Wullaert & Charlie Peace; Holy Trinity – Jay C. Ross, Elwood Brown & Sharon Bender; Immaculate Conception – Amy O’Gara & Theresa Austin; Our Lady on the River - Sandy McNeely & Catherine Nutter; St. Augustine – Gerry St. John; St. Mary in St. Clair – Fred Kilcline; St. Mary in Port Huron – Garry Isaacson; St. Mary Queen of Creation Larry Paczkowski & Rick Wirick; Youth Ministry – Deanna White; Campus Ministry – Erik Coules; Adult Faith Formation – Lucy Sebastian, Christian Service – Deacon John Connors; AOD Facilitator – Lory McGlennen and Vicariate Secretary – Debie Hauer.

The minutes were read and Sandy McNeely moved to approve the minutes.

Fr. David asked us to introduce ourselves. He then introduced Fr. Nick Zukowski as our new Vicar.

APC

Larry Paczkowski reported that the APC met and discussed Muslim/Christian relations. They also discussed the Tracking Committee. Lory added that they had hoped to have the Tracking Committee’s response by this meeting. Unfortunately they have not been approved as of yet. We will have them by September’s meeting.

DRE

The DREs discussed the need for volunteer training at their last meeting. Jane Petitpren from Immaculate Conception will be heading up this endeavor. If the VPC know of anything that should be included please forward it to Jane.

Fr. David explained – if someone comes to the church and wants to head a new committee what do they need to know. It would be beneficial to have something in place to give them.

PRINCIPAL

No report

YOUTH MINISTRY

Three hundred spots are still available for World Youth Day at Home. The cost is \$120.00 each. Young Adults are welcome to go but they must be connected to a parish. If there is a Young Adult who would like to go but their parish is not going contact Eric and he will connect them with a parish that is going.

The hiring of a Young Adult Minister for the Blue Water and Thumb Vicariates is on hold. All of the paper work is in but due to transitions this will be looked at again later in the year.

On August 16th there will be a picnic for our Vicariate's Youth and Young Adults in New Baltimore.

Eric asked if the Vicariate would consider contributing to our Young Adult's mission trip. Lory answered that he needs to write a proposal to submit to the VPC as we are responsible to the pastors who have agreed to our budget. The proposal should state the total cost, the cost to the student and the resulting need.

CARDINAL MOONEY

Cardinal Mooney was voted "High School of the Year" by the Catholic High School League on Monday June 9th.

Up-Coming Events

- June 11th – Last Day of School
- June 18th – Picnic at Cardinal Mooney's campus for incoming freshman & and their families.
- July 2008 – School will be closed for cleaning
- July 21st – Annual Golf Outing at Marsh Oaks Golf Course
- August 2008 – Ground Breaking for new school addition (Cardinal Mooney has raised 85% of the needed funds.

There were thirty seven graduates this year.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Deacon John Connors reported the highlights of the Vicariate Christian Service meeting which was held on May 8th.

At this meeting Lory from the AOD shared with them the decision of the diocese Christian Service Advisory Committee Board to go ahead with the idea to add a link to the AOD website for Christian Service resource pages. She suggested that the Christian Service Commissions research who, what when and where services in our areas are so they may be added to the maps and listing. These services do not need to be Catholic.

Lory informed the group that the Vicariate has money earmarked for Christian Service projects. The group should discuss what they think would be the best use of this money. The data sent in for the Outreach by Parish Map was good but there are some gaps. The belief is that a parish might be in one zip code but assists in the neighboring zip codes which makes it seem like those areas are unassisted.

ADULT FORMATION

A Bible Study is being offered on the Gospel of John. Starting September 9th, 2008 it will run for 15 weeks. There will be two times and locations, both in Port Huron. St. Joseph will offer the Bible Study at 10:30 am until noon on Tuesdays. St. Stephen will offer it from 6:30 until 8 pm on Tuesdays. Please call St. Stephen's parish office to register @ 810-984-2689.

SUB COMMITTEES

Without the Tracking Committee Response we are not able to work on the Sub Committees this month.

Lori asked the Stewardship Sub Committee to speak with her after the meeting. They need to discuss the Stewardship Program for parishes.

OLD BUSINESS

None to discuss

OPEN FORUM

Eric Coules informed us about a Scripture Series for Young Adults called St. Paul in Conversion. It will be offered on August 16th.

Sunday with Solanus is another offering for Young Adults. On June 22nd, 2008 from 11 am to 2 pm, it is a chance to go to Solanus Casey Center for Mass and to meet with the Friars. Space is limited to 100 people. RSVP at www.cyamdietroit.com by Friday, June 12, 2008.

Sharon Bender had a hand out on Pax Christie. She asked all parishes to do the novena.

Lory had several handouts with opportunities for formation. They are on file with these minutes. In September we should make a formal request to the Seminary to do some topics in our area.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Next years officers are as follows:

Chair: Gerry St. John

Vice Chair: Rick Wirick

VICAR'S REPORT

Council of Vicar's: At the Council of Vicar's meeting the AOD Department of Parish Life and Services handed out a brochure on foreclosures for parish help. Fr. David pointed out that in our economic times so many are losing their homes. This brochure gives ideas and examples on ways the parish can help. This is our CSA dollars at work.

The AOD has formed a committee named Catholic Schools of the Future. They are looking at the whole diocese. It is a big job to develop ways to get all involved.

Bishop Reiss talked about the "Year of St. Paul". There will be pilgrimage sites at the AOD. Videos and bulletin inserts will be made available.

Achievements: Vicariates were asked to list for the AOD their achievements for the 2007/2008 year. The AOD then compiled a list for all to see. The Blue Water Vicariate had an achievement to report in every category. Fr. David was happy to say that for our size we are doing much more than the larger vicariates.

Fr. Joe Horn suggested that this be posted on the Blue Water Vicariate web site and in the Drift so our parishes can see what we have been doing. All agreed.

Dates for next years meeting: If we are going to continue meeting the second Wednesdays of the month the first Wednesday will be September 10th, 2008. At that time we can decide if we will keep the second Wednesdays.

Fr. Nick Zukowski

Our new Vicar greeted us and told us a little about himself. He shared a few thought about his leadership. He has no agenda and simply hopes to build on the good that the Vicariate has accomplished. He is the Pastor of St. Mary Queen of Creation and will be the Blue Water Vicariate Vicar for the next three years. Father Nick thanked Fr. David Burgard for his six years of conscientious service "with the heart and mind of Christ".

The VPC gave Fr. David a couple of cards with good wishes and various gift certificates.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 10th, 2008

Holy Family will supply the refreshments

Respectfully submitted

Debie Hauer