

Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting  
Holy Family, Memphis  
June 10, 2009

Fr. Nick started the meeting with a prayer at 7:05.

**Members Present:**

VPC Members Present: Vicar – Fr. Nick Zukowski; Holy Family – Mitch Marcinkowski; Holy Trinity – Sharon Bender; Immaculate Conception – Theresa Austin, Amy O’Gara; Our Lady On The River – Catherine Nutter; St. Mary Queen of Creation – Larry Paczkowski (APC), Rick Wirick; St. Mary St. Clair – Fred Kilcline; St. Edward on the Lake – Hank Rutkowski, Sarah Rutdowski, Cardinal Mooney – Craig LaDuke; Christian Service – Deacon John Connors; DRE’s – Tina Kovalcik; Principal’s – Helen Casper; Youth Ministry – Deanna White; AOD Facilitator – Lory McGlennen and Vicariate Secretary – Debie Hauer.

The minutes were approved with the addition of Craig LaDuke to the members present and the correction of the spelling of Mike Whealan’s name.

Discussion began regarding how it is working out sending reports previous to the meeting. The secretary stated there is some confusion with some reports coming before the meeting and some coming in after the meeting. It was decided at ALL REPORTS that are emailed to the secretary must clearly state which VPC meeting they are for.

**APC**

Larry Paczkowski clarified his report. Surveys are going to all the Priests and Pastoral Ministers regarding Central Services. Larry needs feedback from the VPC to take with him on the Top 10 list he passed out. The problem is that APC meets the first Tuesday in September and the VPC meets the second Wednesday in September. Deanna pointed out that the Parish Staff would be the people to ask because they are who uses Central Services. Larry said he would appreciate their input and the important thing is to get input on the Top 10 list.

## **DRE's**

Tina reported that the DRE's created a sub committee to discuss the idea for a vicariate wide program. They came up with Ted & Co. A very fun and entertaining look at our faith. She brought a DVD with a sample of their material for us to watch. The show will be offered this fall at two location. St. Mary Queen of Creation in New Baltimore on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and St. Mary in Port Huron on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. These two locations were chosen because they are at the two ends of the vicariate. Admission will be a can good and a free will offering. It is believed that in these hard times we need to offer our people an uplifting night. The DRE's see this as an outreach to the people who are slipping away. All are invited. The sites will supply the drinks. Lucy suggested that we ask for bakers. Check out the web site [www.tedandcompany.com](http://www.tedandcompany.com).

## **PRINCIPAL's**

Report submitted.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Report passed out at meeting. In addition the following was discussed?  
Theresa Barrons, a youth minister from our Vicariate goes to the BENS youth ministry meeting and reports back to the other Youth Ministers from our Vicariate. BENS consists of the youth ministers of four Vicariates in the AOD. The annual dues for BENS is \$50. Dianna asked if the Vicariate Budget could cover this cost. Fr. Nick said yes. When asked if the Youth Ministers from our Vicariate meet Deanna said that yes they do but only three parishes have representatives show up. St. Mary in St. Clair, Holy Trinity and Holy Family have regular representatives. The other parishes do not. They tried having their meeting at night to see if they would have a better turn out. They did not, so the Youth Ministers who do attend returned to day time meetings.  
The question was asked if all the Blue Water Parishes have Youth Ministers. No they do not. Fr. Nick said that each parish must have Religious Education but there is no law that there must be Youth Ministry. So unfortunately when cuts need to be made Youth Ministry goes.

## **CAMPUS / YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

No report.

## **CARDINAL MOONEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Report submitted.

## **CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

No Report

## **ADULT FORMATION**

Adult Formation will now be included in the DRE report.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN LIAISON**

Lory brought material to help us with our mission statement.

## **VICAR**

Fr. Nick handed out and read his report from the Vicar's Council meeting. The report is included in the report section of these minutes.

All parishes have paid their school support agreement and DRE's dues. One parish still owes their Vicariate Dues.

Our Vicariate will be welcoming the addition of two new priests. Rev. Zbigniew Zomerfeld will be the new Pastor of St. Mary in Port Huron. Rev. John Nedumcheril will be the new Associate Pastor at St. Augustine in Richmond. We will be saying goodbye to Fr. Simeon from St. Mary in Port Huron.

Archbishop Vigneron will be receiving the Pallium from the Pope at the end of the month. The Pallium is given to some, not all, Archbishops.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Mission Statement**

We broke into three groups to look at material Lory brought and to work on a new mission statement.

Each group basically liked the mission statement with a few changes. Once we came back as one group we agreed on a mission statement which will be an attachment to these minutes.

### **Follow-up on Career Transitory Support Ministries of SE Michigan.**

Monday, June 22, 2009 at 7pm is a meeting for people who are willing to be trained so they can start this up in our Vicariate.

### **Follow up RE: Concerns of Vicariate Tracking Committee Report**

Fr. Nick shared the concerns of the VPC members to the Tracking Committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Selection of Chairperson/Vice Chairperson for 2009/2010

Gerry St.John will stay Chair Person for next year.

Vice Chair will be selected at September meeting.

### Farewell to outgoing members

Mary Suarez

Mercedes Fox

Craig LaDuke

Theresa Austin

### Budget for last year

Fr. Nick needs a copy of the old budget to review for next year.

### Dates for next years meeting

The second Wednesday of each month skipping December, April, July and August will be the meeting dates for next year.

Holy Family will supply the refreshments for the September meeting