

Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting
Holy Family, Memphis
November 11, 2009

Present:

Vicar' Representative – Fr. Joe Esper
AOD Facilitator – Lory McGlinnen
Cardinal Mooney
Holy Family – Doug Fournier
Holy Trinity – Sandy Chopman & Sharon Bender
Immaculate Conception – Amy O’Gara
Our Lady on the River – Roberta Ivan & Catherine Nutter
St. Augustine – Gerry St. John & Gerard Szczerbinski
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 - Larry Paczkowski
Hispanic Rep – Lucy Sebastian
Campus Minister SCCCCO – Eric Coules
Christian Service – John Connors
Principals – Rachael Becker
Youth Ministers – Deanna White
Vicariate Secretary – Debie Hauer

Not represented:

St. Christopher,

Gerry St. John brought the meeting to order at 7:05

Fr. Joe Esper led us in a prayer.

Introductions were made around the table.

Previous minutes were approved with the addition that APC was represented by Larry Paczkowski

Questions regarding reports – none

AOD LIASION REPORT

Restructuring

When the restructuring is done there will be four regions. They are attempting to restructure so that parishes that are alike are in the same region. Example: currently the Renaissance Region has Grosse Pointe and Detroit in it. They have very little in common.

Also as part of the reconfiguration, the total number of vicariates has been reduced to 16, from 17, with four vicariates in each region. The changes include:

In the Northwest Region, a new vicariate as yet unnamed has been created from the merger of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Troy and Southeast Oakland vicariates with 10 parishes (in Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield) from the Farmington-Southfield vicariate. Until its new name is decided sometime in the next few weeks it is being referred to as the To Be Named Vicariate.

In the Northeast Region, the SERF (St. Clair Shores, Eastpointe, Roseville, Fraser) Vicariate has expanded to include the six non-Detroit parishes (in Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods) that had been in the Renaissance Vicariate.

Also in the Northeast Region, the Central Macomb Vicariate has expanded to include the 10 non-Detroit parishes (in Warren and Center Line) that had been part of the Genesis Vicariate.

In the South Region, the Northwest Wayne Vicariate has expanded to include three parishes (in Novi and South Lyon) from the previous Farmington-Southfield Vicariate.

The Central Region now includes the Genesis Vicariate, formerly in the Northeast Region, and Genesis has expanded to include two Detroit parishes from the Renaissance Vicariate and five parishes, also in Detroit, from the Trinity Vicariate.

Also in the Central Region, as outlined above, the Renaissance Vicariate loses two Detroit parishes (to Genesis) and six non-Detroit parishes (to SERF), while the Trinity Vicariate loses five Detroit parishes to Genesis.

Together in Faith

Phase 2 of “Together in Faith” will be a much broader plan. They are putting the plan together now.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Blue Water Vicariate Principals have been meeting monthly. This past month we have been collaborating on creating a Blue Water Vicariate Catholic Schools "All Staff Grade Level Meeting" for professional development. We will meet on November 17th to plan our Grade Level Meeting event together. The actual Grade Level meeting, where all teachers from all schools will meet to assess Iowa Test scores, power standards and share best practices of instruction with each other will take place at Holy Cross and Cardinal Mooney, Marine City, on November 30th. This meeting will ultimately provide our teachers with the opportunity to better tighten the alignment between curriculum, instruction and assessment as a professional learning community. The principals are also getting ready to plan/host the Blue Water Vicariate Catholic Schools Academic Olympics. The Academic Olympics will take place at St. Augustine's Catholic School in Richmond, MI on February 20th, 2010.

YOUNG ADULT/CAMPUS MINISTRY

The old structure will be replaced by a new structure. We used to have a campus minister and a young adult minister per about 8 regions. Due to the cuts to the staff of the Archdiocese there will now be one young adult/campus minister per region. Each new minister will be available to their region (about 70-80 parishes) providing resources and support in initiating and continuing to foster a young adult ministry.

VICAR'S REPORT

Not much to report. November 2nd was the first meeting. They voted for executive officers. Discussions were mostly on the restructuring. They also discussed HINI policies.

OLD BUSINESS

Partner Parishes – The issue is on hold the Pastors are seeking clarification. Lory explained that the AOD is looking for a temporary solution should an emergency arise. Example: If a pastor was suddenly taken so ill he couldn't perform his duties the partner pastor would step up and help out.

Clarification on the Cardinal Mooney Chaplain – Roberta Ivan stated that Our Lady on the River has no guarantee that they will retain an associate pastor in the future. To say that the associate pastor of OLR will be the chaplain is not accurate.

Gerry St. John stated that this issue would not be decided at V.P.C.

Roberta stated that Fr. Lopez wants to make sure that is not in the record.

Closing

Meeting was closed with the Stewardship Prayer and adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Next meeting January 13, 2010

Refreshments will be provided by St. Mary Queen of Creation