

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

Present:

Vicar – Fr. Joe Horn
AOD Facilitator – Deacon Bill Kolarik
Holy Family – Catherine Wullaert & Doug Fournier
Holy Trinity – Sandy Chapman & 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 – Hank Rutkowski & Sarah Rutkowski
St. Mary, St. Clair – Kathy Novelli & Doris Rosberski
St. Mary, Port Huron – Garry Isaacson
St. Mary Queen of Creation – Larry Paczkowski
DRE’s – Tina Kovalcik
Principals – Rachael Becker
Hispanic Ministry – Lucy Sabastian
Young Adult/Campus Minister – Eric Coules
Youth Minister – Deanna White
Vicariate Secretary – Debie Hauer

Absent:

Cardinal Mooney – Bruce Beaton
Holy Family – John Mastej
St. Mary, N.B. – Rick Warick

Visitors:

AOD Evangelization/ Catechesis - Paco Gavrilides
AOD Regional Coordinator of Youth Minister – Ida Johns

Gerry St. John brought the meeting to order at 7:15.
Fr. Joe led us in prayer and reflection on “Mary Light of Disciples”

We met our new AOD Facilitator Deacon Bill Kolarik. Paco Gavrilides joined us from the AOD dept of Evangelization and Catechesis and also Men’s ministry. Also, Ida Johns who is our N.E. regional coordinator of Youth Ministry joined us.

Introductions were made around the table.
Minutes For March 10, 2010 were approved as written.

REPORTS: QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

APC

Our new representative to APC is Jeanie Robinson. She is a parishioner of St. Mary in St. Clair. She was not present at the meeting so Deacon Bill gave a report as to the progress of the restructuring of the APC. It follows:

The new APC consists of 26 members which includes a representative from each vicariate.

They will address seventeen priorities from the Together in Faith process. Archbishop Vigneron added two. Catholic Schools and Church in the City. There are five focus areas and sub committees were formed for each.

- 1) Leadership
- 2) Outreach
- 3) Stewardship/Administration
- 4) Youth Ministry
- 5) Evangelization

October will be the first meeting for the new fiscal year.

Gerry asked how could someone who has never sat at this table be our representative?

Answer: She will be asked to join us.

Fr. Joe asked if "Outreach means charities? Answer: Yes

DRE

Lucy asked that when formation topics are sent out please include the name of the topic and not just the topic number.

The DRE proposed budget request was give to the Vicar at the All Staff Meeting.

PRINCIPAL

Rachael brought a tuition break down and comparison for all of the schools in our vicariate. Lucy asked about the fluctuation in tuition. Answer: The schools are subsidized by the Parish. The percent of subsidy received makes a difference in what needs to be charged to the families for tuition. Garry Isaacson said the AOD reduced the amount of SOF grants this year and will stop it completely next year, which will in turn affect this in a huge way.

Fr. Joe shared his concern regarding service hours expected of the parents with children in the schools. It makes if very difficult for a parish without a school to have enough volunteers when those parishioners are already giving so much time to the parish where their children attend school. Discussion ensued in this area. Fr. Joe would like a comparison worksheet on this.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A report was handed out and there were no questions.

CAMPUS/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Eric passed out flyers for CYAS and Subiaco.

He also proposed an idea for each parish to have a bulletin board in their vestibule designated strictly for young adults. There was a discussion regarding the effectiveness of such a bulletin board. "Would young adults actually take the time to look at it".

Question: Who would see that this bulletin board was kept up to date? Eric said he would see that the parishes got updated material to keep it supplied. Fr. Joe asked the VPC to ask at their parishes if they would be interested in this. Eric supplied each with a picture of this display. Garry suggested that we set up a deal with the bulletin board company to receive the discounted price if the parish orders within a reasonable amount of time.

Eric also informed the VPC that Fr. Art Baronowski agreed to be the host parish for the young adults on their "Theology on Tap" nights.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Report submitted. No questions.

CARDINAL MOONEY

No Report

HISPANIC MINISTRY

There is a new priest in Imley City who plans to have a Hispanic Mass on Sunday evenings.

VICAR

Council of Vicars/Presbyteral Council

The council of Vicars/Presbyteral Council met May 3, 2010. The Archbishop remarked on the reform of the LDP, the decision to go ahead with a AOD capital campaign after consultation with the finance committee, he shared that the choice was clear to raise funds in order to borrow less from a third party. It was thought that the bishop could "sell" this to the people if he communicates more clearly with his priests and is transparent about the numbers. It was shared that 12% of CSA households were lost,

income is down 19%. There was canonical discussion of the redefined boundaries of Ss. Andrew and Benedict due to the closing of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Detroit. The Moderator of the Curia made us aware of a bill gaining support that would lift the statute of limitations on closed abuse cases (where time ran out) and open a two year window to try them in civil court. It would only apply to private institutions and exempt public employees such as teachers.

A MCC gave a presentation regarding out health coverage.

Discussion:

a) There will be a capital campaign and at the AOD level and ALL parishes must participate.

b) The bill that the Moderator of the Curia discussed is very much discriminatory against the Church. These cases are up to 30 or 40 years old. There is no way to defend and this will cost the church a lot of money. 86% of abuse cases are public not private.

Vicariate Clergy Meeting

The Vicariate Clergy met Tuesday, May 10, 2010 at St. Mary Parish in Port Huron. They discussed a BWV sponsored chaplain: it was agreed that there is a need for a chaplain, funding a chaplain was tabled for the next meeting. It was decided to investigate a stipend per hospital visit and to discuss which hospitals would be covered because our vicariate takes in Port Huron General, Mercy, St. John's (River District), Mt. Clemens General and Henry Ford (St. Joe's West).

The BWV budget: due to the surplus of funds in the BWV checking the budget for 2009-2010 fiscal year will be covered by previous funds. A new budget proposal will be discussed next month.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the CSA target set for parishes, especially parishes with schools. Also teacher salary guidelines were discussed in light of certain subsidies and incentives being revoked.

Information regarding priest statistics was handed out.

Msgr. Browne reported that Fr. John Gagala suffered a stroke, Fr. Tom Villerot took a fall.

OLD BUSINESS

Vicariate Budget: Fr. Joe took our budget proposal plus an additional \$3625.00 that the DRE's proposed. The Clergy approved this proposed budget for this year. They will determine over the year if the additional budgeted money for the DRE's was put to a good use for the whole vicariate. No one paid in 2009/2010 because of the overage in the account.

Lucy asked: What is the difference of Catechetical topics and Adult Faith Formation.

Answer: Adult Faith Formation is not restricted to those topics required for Catechist Certification.

NEW BUSINESS

No New business was brought up.

Paco Gavrilides from the AOD was present at the meeting. He has asked to be put on the agenda for next month. He handed out a contact sheet from the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Schools for the Northeast Region.

OPEN FORUM

Holy Family is hosting the Blessed Monstrance for vocations on June 1st

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The meeting was closed with a prayer and adjourned at 8:50

The next meeting is June 9th 2010

Hospitality will be provided by St. Edward on the Lake

Respectfully submitted by Debie Hauer