

Minutes
Central Macomb Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting
April 19, 2010

- A. Meeting began at 7PM with an opening prayer by Vicar Mike Cooney in the Parish Center at St. Louis.
- B. Routine Items
1. Attendance was taken. Present: Father Mike, Vicar, Dolores Long and Jim Long, St. Malachy, Ben Hoste, Ann Singer and Frank Singer, Ray Goodine, St. Ephrem, Joe Campanelli and Tom Lippert, St. Louise de Marillac John Reedy, St. Peter, Phyllis Rizzi, St. Michael, Art Fowler and John Reich, St. Louis, Fran Brown and Mary-Anne Polan, St. Hubert, Richard Palmer, St. Edmund, Mary Peterson, St. Rene, Erik Coules, St. Cyril and Methodius, Rose Anderson, St. Thecla, Ida Marie Johns, Francisco Gavrilides, Sally McCuen and Deacon Bill Kolarik, AOD
 2. Approval of Minutes: Corrections made to minutes to include Carlos Folino and Ray Goodine from St. Ephrem to attendance. Motion made, Art Fowler, Second, Ray Goodine, all approved to accept minutes with corrections/additions as indicated.
- C. Vicar's Comments
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 - Survey, Regional Meetings. Our Regional meeting was held Wednesday, April 13 at St. Thecla. Results of survey to parishes discussed. 170 Million owed to AOD by parishes and other institutions. Probably only 13% will be paid back in 5 years. Some will stretch out into 20 years for repayment.
 - AOD had outstanding debts. 5.7 Million owed to Catholic Conference for medical. 3.1 Million to cemeteries and pension fund, etc. AOD is cash strapped. Consulting firm will visit each parish as follow up. Some parishes have NOT returned their surveys.
 - Archdiocisin Parish Drive will NOT replace CSA Drive. Three flows of money into AOD: 6% tax on contributions at Parish level, CSA and Investments. Focus of Drive will be to bail out parishes and AOD. 2- 20 Mill Bond s due in June plus 47 million for John Paul Center.
 - Finances Eric Coules will collate outstanding bills/.expenses and submit to Father Cooney for payment. We will pay for the portion of the expenses that are within our Vicariate. After July 1st, the two accounts will be merged into one account.
 - CF Program. This is a new financial management software that the AOD is requesting all parishes use. It will be provided by AOD. But monthly cost to use must be borne by parish. Trainers will provide support to parishes in blocks of 15 and will install software. Parishes are NOT in favor of this as they feel AOD does NOT need to have names/amounts of contributors. There is much distrust with AOD over past financial issues
 - Priest compensation- Father Cooney announced that compensation would remain the same as previous years. There has been no increase in priests compensation for three years. There will be NO increase in priest's compensation this year either.
 - Payment of Hospital Chaplain update. There was much discussion at the Pastoral Staff Meeting. A resolution was not reached and it will be on the agenda for the next Pastoral Staff Meeting. In the past many hospitals had full time paid chaplains. In most instances parish priest took calls and were unpaid.
 - Jail Ministry update. The Jail Ministry program is now undr the st. Vincent de Paul. Two Deacons were chosen to put the program together. Program will still be under Cathy Wagner at AOD.

- Health Care Ministry. Model program being tried in Pontiac to encourage anointing prior to hospitalization. Anointing can only performed by Priest or Bishop. Lay people cannot perform. Want to move to anointing at certain age and in group setting. This would eliminate many evening calls for Parish Priests. Many still do not understand sacrament is NOT for the dead and contact

2. Representative Reports

- APC - No report. Representative Lou Joseph not present.

- Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. All certification training are now out of one office at AOD. There are 27 topics that need to be completed to be certified. Some of the training will be available on-line soon. Anita Houghton will be new representative back to AOD office for our Vicariate. Sally McCuen will no longer be attending our meetings.

-Francisco "Paco" Gavrilides from Office of Evangelization and Catechesis also spoke. Four pilot programs are in the works for next year at Catholic schools. These will be at St. Linus, St. Lawrence, Shrine grade and High School and Our Lady of Good Counsel. Focus will be evangelization of the parents of children in the schools.

- Leadership Services, Deacon Bill Kolarik. Provided an overview of the APC Meeting which met last week. APC is a consultative body to AOD. It consists of lay people, priests and deacons. Together in Faith, phase #2. Seventeen areas as part of Five Focus Areas. Will be identifying Goals and Objectives for each area.

- Young Adult Ministry- Eric Coules. Three upcoming events. Retreat, Day of Reflection this Sunday, April 25th. May 21-23 Retreat in Subiaco in Oxford. And the third is Youth Soccer. Sign Up until June 5th on line at CYSdetroit.org. Games are held in Royal Oak. Discussion regarding how these events are being advertised. Sent by electronic mail to the parishes. Still need a designated contact at each parish to be able to relay this kind of information to. There are 75 parish sites. Eric may soon have an office at St. Ephrem. Details are still being finalized.

D. Presentations and Action Items

1. AOD Youth Ministry- Ida Johns. All events and flyers are posted on-line at the AOD website . Contact information for Ms Johns 313-237-6056 or johns.ida@aod.org
2. Schedule of Meeting for CMV- To be discussed at May meeting. No meetings June, July, August . Father would like them scheduled after Presbyteral Council meeting
3. Membership of Central Macomb Vicariate- Membership list distributed. Many parishes without any representative and some with only one rep.

E. Open Forum

F Items for Future Meetings

-To Mary-Anne Polan at least 2 weeks prior to next meeting. Mary-anne.polan@mccmh.net or 39475 Lakeshore Drive, Harrison Township, MI 48045

G. Next Meetings

May 17, 7PM St. Ephrem

H. Closing Prayer- Led by Vicar Mike Cooney