

Minutes  
Central Macomb Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting  
March 15, 2010

- A. Meeting begin at 7PM with an opening prayer by Vicar Mike Cooney in the Parish Center at St. Sylvester. Introductions made.
- B. Routine Items
1. Attendance was taken. Present: Father Mike, Vicar, Jule Nolta, Mary Peterson, Barb Swensen, Erik Coules, Richard Palmer, Louis Joseph, Sally McCuen, Rose Anderson, Deacon Bill Kolarik, John Reedy, Dolores Long, Jim Long, John Reich, Art Fowler, Carol Bardelline, Michael McCallion, Mary-Anne Polan
  2. Approval of Minutes: Motion made, Louis Joseph, Second, Carol Bardelline, all approved to accept minutes as written.
- C. Vicar's Comments
1. Central Macomb Vicariate Ministerial Meeting
    - AOD Tax. Archbishop Vigneron considering raising parish tax from 6 to 7% to cover costs at Main office. Cardinal Maida had put a program in place allowing parishes with debt to keep 15% untaxed off top. Designed to pay off debt. But many parishes were not using the money to do that. Archbishop Vigneron considering dropping that program. Parishes would be taxed on total collection.
    - CSA Goal. Archbishop Vigneron is also considering putting a freeze on the CSA goal for next 3 years. That freeze would only be on the total AOD goal, not the individual parish targets. Will cause shortfall for salaries downtown and schools
    - Survey to Pastors for Parishes. Three part survey. #1 #of staff, buildings and income, Part #2 debt of parish, outstanding loans, #3 Archdiocesan-wide campaign to raise money . 2- part question. Are you in favor? Do you think it will be successful?
  2. Finances
    - Final Financial report to CMV. Final monies from old Central Macomb Vicariate received by Father Mike. He will be opening two accounts with Christian Financial Credit Union to manage the monies. One check is for \$5,561.47 and were/are the funds raised last year for Youth Ministry. The other check is for \$2,139.49. This is what was left over from the previous taxes on the parishes of the old Central Macomb Vicariate. Money for North Macomb Vicariate was previously sent by Fr. Milligan.
    - The pastors had voted to help underwrite the out of pocket expenses for the new Youth Minister for the monies he has spent. We need to wait and see how much the other vicars in the area are willing to help with these costs. Those funds will come from the \$5,561.47 account.
    - Genesis Accounts. Several agreements had been in place with the Genesis Vicariate. There were agreements to pay secretarial supports and also pay for cleric hospital support at St. John's Macomb. The arrangement with the hospital will continue until June 30, 2010 and then will be discontinued. We have multiple hospitals in the new vicariate and would not be able to support payments for visits. Discussion will happen at next ministerial and CMV meeting to sort out the new process and coverage for these visits. There was also discussion on the two charter schools

that were within Genesis boundaries. Those schools are NOT within the CMV boundaries, so their rentals will no longer support St. Clement and St. Anne schools after the new fiscal year. Archbishop Vigneron has an interest in Catholic Schools, so there will be further discussion in how to support the school. Currently CMV has 7 schools within its boundaries.

-Taxation by Vicariate. Models for discussion at the next ministerial meeting will be presented. Flat Tax vs Kenedyi Tax. The first would tax equal amounts to each parish in the vicariate. The Kenedi would use the number of households within each parish multiplied by some dollar figure.

#### D. Presentations and Action Items

1. Membership for CMV- All members must be active members of the parish they represent, they must also have the support of the pastor of that parish and be able to successfully communicate information back to Parish Council. This item was discussed with Pastors at the Ministerial meeting. Should be two representatives from each parish.
2. CMV Mission Update - Vicariate Mission is still in planning for March 20-24, 2011. Lead on this is Diane MacDonald with lead parishes St. Jane, St. Louis, St. Michael and St. Ronald. Facilitator will be Father J. Glen Murray.
3. Presentation by Erik Coules-
  - Budget. Information on budget and plan was information only as budget and plan was approved at Ministerial meeting. Eric is responsible for four vicariates. Total budget \$18,400 divided by number of sites in vicariate, not number of parishes. Seventy-five different sites. Amounts to \$6,623.91 for the CMV. Budget has been approved by 3 of 4 Vicariates so far. Presentation to the Serf Vicariate next.
  - Plan will be to host larger events among vicariates in central locations. \$3,000 budget to subsidize attendance at some events to encourage attendance. Letter will be sent to each parish regarding appointment of a contact person for Erik. Erik can be reached at 810-689-8560 and [coules.erik@aod.org](mailto:coules.erik@aod.org).
  - Plan. Establish four main groups, one in each vicariate. Try to make events no further than ½ hour to 45 minutes travel for any event Already planning some retreats, traditional and even a camping one.
  - Centralization of Services. Looking to find central location for office. Erik will be meeting with 4 Vicars to discuss possible office space. Currently housed in AOD offices.

#### E. Open Forum

-Concern voiced over AOD giving raises. Many people within community not getting raises and taking pay cuts or trying to keep jobs.

#### F. Items for Future Meetings

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

#### G. Next Meetings

April 19, 7PM St. Louis , old school. Use entrance closest to Church. First floor Charbeneau Room

May 17, 7PM St. Ephrem

At May meeting will decide frequency of meetings. First meeting of new year will not be until September.

#### H. Closing Prayer- Led by Vicar Mike Cooney