

## **Lakes Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting January 21, 2010**

### **Fr. David opened the meeting at 7pm.**

Present: Fr. David Blazek – St. Rita, Tom Mockeridge – Divine Mercy, Bryan Miller – St. William, Fr. Tom Meagher – St. Patrick, Bob Lefevre – St. Mary, Joseph Borg – St. Patrick, Martin Blankertz – St. Patrick, Nancy Seery for Ken Shephard from St. Anne, Joe Mazzeo - St. Daniel, Jillian Peck – Holy Spirit, Monica Hefty – St Dan, Kevin Atkinson – Our Lady of Refuge, Mary Theisen – Our Lady of Refuge

**Minutes** from November 12, 2009 were reviewed, spelling corrected and approved.

### **Officers elected:**

Tom Mockeridge – Chair  
Joseph Borg – Vice Chair  
Mary Theisen – Secretary

### **Christian Service Report:**

None Available – Those that attended the Vicariate meeting on January 19 remembered that most of the report centered around the parishes in the vicariate taking an evening and overnight at the Baldwin Center which is set for the second week in March. Divine Mercy offered to help as they were not given their own night. That information will be given to Christian Service people.

### **Religious Education Report** submitted by Jillian Peck

See attached written report.

### **Worship Report** submitted by Mary Theisen

Generic Disaster Envelopes discussed. These would preclude need for second collection and possible mixing of parish monies. Currently done successfully by St. William Parish

Pamphlets on the upcoming changes in the Sacramentary from Liturgical Press were suggested to help parishes prepare for those changes. Now waiting for directives from USCCB to begin work on readying parishioners for changes.

Reconciliation Schedules for Lent are due from each parish. Suggestion was made to add dates and practices for Divine Mercy Novena and celebrations to this listing in the Vicariate News. Suggestion also made to have info in by the last Friday of each month for posting in newsletter.

Profitable discussion and shared advice offered by RCIA coordinators as we share possible solutions to ongoing challenges.

### **Youth Ministry Report** submitted by Monica Hefty

See attached written report

Suggestion made to invite vicariate Marriage Prep teams to the Youth Ministry conference on the Theology of the Body since it is open to adults as well

### **Vicars' Report** submitted by Fr. Dave (see also attached outline)

Four part outline allowed for fruitful discussion on each point.

1. Working Structure of Presbyteral Council
  - New structure is based on priest's input.
  - new structure offered ability to save work efforts however some doubling up of work necessary
2. Archdiocesan Pastoral Council - APC
  - Archbishop committed to pastoral planning
  - Application discussed, anyone wishing to apply for open positions should check the [aodonline.org](http://aodonline.org) for application
  - App seems comprehensive in scope. Kevin had one with him for representatives to peruse

### 3. Regional Moderator's Council

- Episcopal Vicars – priests asked to represent vicariates and work with archbishop
- Regions – there are four – each will be represented by either an Episcopal vicar, or an auxiliary bishop, either will be called a regional moderator
- Their task will be in part to insure use of resources of each region to the best of abilities
- Fr. Dave asks us to think of this as turning up the lens on stewardship of time talent and treasure and to keep this perspective as we work through the details of each new structure element

### 4. Certification of Lay Ministers

- In the past, just downtown educators decided who was certified
- New collaborative effort planned – 5 lay ministers 5 central service support persons on ad hoc committees – Jill Peck will consider applying
- Criticism offered that program changes seem financially motivated and might be thought of as so much outreach for opinions from lay ministers that failure of program possible and fault blamed on motivation. Fr. Dave asks for patience and prayer to let process work.
- Focus of all certification is to help catechist grow in faith and enhance their ability to pass faith on to their students.

### **New Business and open discussion:**

- Prince of Peace will host next Vicariate Meeting on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at Prince of Peace
- Vicariate Council meets Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Pats
- Lori McGlennen hopefully can be here next Council meeting – all are hoping she is still our rep
- Central Service salary changes
  - 67% same salary
  - 30% raise in salary
  - 3% lost some salary
- Fr. Dave asks that we continue to pray – that discussion on changes makes for openness and that collaborative work possible with better understanding. We will hopefully learn to listen to each other and to the Holy Spirit.
- a letter is coming from the Archbishop and was to be emailed in January
- the website needs serious updating
- we will look into a vicariate vocation program/retreat – it will be on next month agenda
- Father Dave will seek to put together a flow chart of organization of services and regional information
- Jill wonders if Fr. Dave can get all parishes to participate in the Vicariate meetings and send representatives to Vicariate Council. Father said he is humbly working on it.
- Kevin to bring back treats for next meeting as well as opening prayer, Jill will have closing prayer

Minutes respectfully submitted  
by Mary Theisen 2/1/10