

**St Michael Catholic Community  
Parish Council Minutes  
February 4, 2014**

**Attendees:**

P	Chadwick, Virginia	A	Paul, Elvera
P	Chadwick, Kayla	A	Peckham, David
P	Galos, Artemio Rev. (Tim)	P	Quaine, Michael Rev.
P	Hall, Laurie	P	Ricciuti, Renato
A	Healy, Larry	A	Rizzi, Phyllis
P	Kook, Kim	A	Sandelich, Mike – Vice Chairperson
A	Lucas, Sr. JoAnn	P	Smith, Shane–Chairperson
P	Mazzara, Karen	P	Smolarz, Amy M.
P	Nevens, Lester R. (Les) - Alternante	P	Sukes, Shirley A.
G	Jim Toger	G	Bob Murphy
G	Paul Chancy		

**P = Present, A = Absent, G = Guest**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm – Shane Smith calls the meeting to order

**Reading of the Mission Statement - All**

**Opening Prayer – Lester Nevens**

**Approval of Minutes –** December 3, 2013 minutes were approved by Kim Kook & Shane Smith

Presentation on Activity Center by Jim Toger & Paul Chancy

Shane introduced Jim & Paul who passed out the following document and went over it with us.

**Update on St. Michael’s Activity Center Project**

**Project Status**

1. Architect is proceeding with construction drawings - completion expected in March.
2. Architect and Finance Council’s Building Sub-Committee will start to review material choices/colors in early of March.
3. CM (McCarthy & Smith of Farmington Hills) will issue bid packages in early April.
4. Bids will be opened around May 1<sup>st</sup> by CM and Building Sub-Committee.
5. Must submit final bid selection information to AOD Board of Consultors in early May.
6. Must submit plans to City of Sterling Heights for Building Permit(s), after Board of Consultors approval.
7. Finalize contract with CM in May

8. Start construction end of May or early June.

9. Finalize construction in December 2014.

### **Financial Status**

1. St. Michael's does not have sufficient cash on hand to fund this project; therefore in December 2013, we requested a "Bridge Loan" from the AOD. The use of a Bridge Loan will allow us to start construction this year - saving us the cost of inflation and/or winter construction costs.
2. A meeting was held with representatives of the AOD on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, to review our application.
3. The AOD representatives are recommending to the AOD Loan Committee that we be approved for three loans totaling approximately \$1,000,000.
  - a. Loan #1: \$375,000 - A property loan against the "old Activity Center".
  - b. Loan #2: \$177,000 - A loan against unpaid "CLT Pledges".
  - c. Loan #3: \$449,995 - A loan against "future CSA Pledges + Offertory Giving".
  - d. All three loans are structured as "interest-only draw loans" until construction is complete.
  - e. The exact amount of Loans #2 & #3 will be determined at the time the money is needed, since CLT & CSA pledge payments received between now and the time the loans are exercised will reduce our borrowing needs.
4. A cash flow analysis shows that we will likely burn through our cash by mid-August, and then need to make our first draw against these loans.
5. The AOD requires that the Pastor and the Chairpersons of both the Finance Council and Parish Council sign the loan documents.

Finance Council

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Fr. Mike pointed out that the need for chairpersons to sign loan documents is to be sure that everyone knows what is going on and is in it together. Jim will confirm how loan documents are worded as soon as he can. Paul reiterated that this has been a collaborative effort all along and continues to. Archdiocese has been provided meeting minutes to be very thorough that all issues have been discussed in great length and given much consideration. Shane asked if there were any plans for a phase 2 and Jim replied that at this point, they do not have plans for a phase 2 or 3 but possible if the funding is there. Fr Mike asked them to speak about status of the sale of the activity center and Jim explained we have only had a few inquiries, we have it priced as commercial property. Jim explained the extensive study he did on commercial property in the area. Most properties are described in a cost per SF. We have three acres and the asking price is about \$5.50 per sf. Other sales have ranged from \$2 per SF to \$14 per SF. Jim will be working with CBRE in the spring to push more towards commercial sales. Fr. Mike asked Jim to explain the net amount of funds from the sale, costs of the sale, 6% commission and closing costs and he did. At current price, with an average amount of asking price, minus closing costs and commission still should be more than enough to cover the bridge loan and pay major loan against future CSA and offertory. Also did not expect any issues with zoning problems. Estimate to knock down our building is about \$20,000, which is very affordable. Everyone was excited to hear the great news, thanked Jim and Paul for their time and all their hard work and they finished about 7:30 PM.

**Enrichment:** -Discussion of Ch 1, of the book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* by Matthew Kelly

- Shane thanked Laurie and the parish for making arrangements for us all to have a paperback copy. Shane started discussion by asking everyone what they thought of the book and if we did in fact want to continue reading it as our ongoing enrichment. Shane said it was enlightening to see the statistics and the numbers surprised him not so much financially but from the time/volunteer perspective. The observation that such a small percentage provides the bulk of the volunteer work was shocking. Clearly these numbers are generic not St. Michael but on average. Opens up questions as to how to get people to participate because that is so vital for the overall parish and for the parishioners well being based on the belief that an engaged, active person will find the environment more rewarding.
- Fr. Mike pointed out how the statistics might be flawed because many do work outside of the parish that is still very good Christian work but not under the umbrella of the parish. For example, work with cancer, diabetes etc. Time talent and treasure is donated to those causes outside of church but still good church faith motivated work. That observation could reveal that Kelly's statistics are skewed but agrees that we can always do more. Fr. Mike mentioned that we cannot discount that work is done that is not being measured. For example the youth, they may not be in youth group but they volunteer through choir, lectors etc and we may also do not showcase them but it does get done also by young people. Just thoughts on how he collects his data.
- LH mentioned that regarding tithing, it is a percentage of what you give in general not what you give to the church so also may not be accurate but we do have the capacity to discern that data in our own parish.
- SS agrees that we cannot see all that a person does in their lives in other areas. The statistics can be depressing especially for us where we consider ourselves a healthy parish. It is an interesting dynamic because we do not know what the "normal" is. The four things listed on p24, as suggestions to imagine "if", spend 10 min more in prayer, read a religious book, give 1% more than you currently give, do 1 more thing to share with Christianity with others, other than income nothing can be measured by the statistics he gives us but could establish a routine and become part of a person.
- LH asks if the point in using the book to look for other ideas on how to reach goals evangelization being one of them.
- SS said he sees it as a tool to see what we can do as Catholics and in our goal setting, engaging the youth, participation at mass, evaluate programs. There may be tools that lead to something and might not but can't hurt.
- LH referenced P 21 about 93% disagrees with the church teaching and know better than 2000 of the best Catholic minds. Wondering how others perceived that statement.
- RR felt the entire 1st chapter of the book was right on point. And he went on to express an example on how the engaged 7% need to step back sometimes and recall how they too may have been if they were part of the disengaged 93% before, using an example on how he used to be put off by people "pushing" religion upon him, but now he sees things differently and has become one of those people who pushes religion upon others.
- A discussion sparked about the phrasing used about the 2,000 years of best Catholic minds and thought were shared that it is good to struggle, good to put thought into things, to discern things without getting away from the doctrines of the church but may embrace new people to a different, more open message.
- Fr Mike explained the difference between Dogma and church teachings and how it changes with different understandings and shared some powerful illustrative examples (sin, forgiveness, Eucharist).
- Pointed out that without intense study it is difficult to understand all the teachings and dogma and will find conflicting concepts and have to use your moral compass to find out what you feel is right.
- Fr Tim compared the statistics described in the book to the Philippines and finds that it is very similar there.
- SS expressed that in schooling that a 98% success rate still leaves 2% whose lives are negatively impacted and that is an extremely important message. Trying to reach out is the main point, you may not even know you made a difference but you could very well be making one. Statistics and numbers are not the bottom line; the intended results are, even if not known or measurable.
- We discussed whether or not we wanted to continue with the book and everyone agreed that we did, that there is useful information contained.

## Pastoral Team Reports –

### Fr. Mike: Pastor's Report

- Discussion on AOD documentation from Vicariate meeting (see vicariate report)
- On 19 January 2014 several pastors met at Christ Church on Garfield in Fraser for our annual celebration of Christian Unity Octave. The Octave (8 days) of Church Unity falls between the Protestant Feast of the Confession of St. Peter (January 18) and the Roman Catholic Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25). The Church has commemorated this octave since the early part of the last century. There were representatives of seven Church communities, Hope United Church of Christ, Cross Lutheran, Peace Presbyterian, St. Ronald, St. Michael, Christ Church Methodist, and the New Life Ambassadors for Christ. Despite the weather, there were about 100 people in attendance. It was a nice celebration.
- On the 15 January we celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with about 70 of our children from Second Grade. It was a nice celebration and, I believe, it was a good experience for the children. At that young age Cathy McInerny and I agreed that it would be good to focus on reconciliation, that is to say, the experience of being forgiven as opposed to a focus on sin, the experience of doing wrong. Typically a young child may have an understanding of right and wrong, but her understanding of right and wrong is based on what her parents tell her. And, as Cathy says, they absolutely don't know the difference between a sin and a mistake at that age. Individual moral development—this is right because it feels right—is something that doesn't kick in until they are older. Accordingly, moral development is handled at a later time, grade 4.
- Last week we welcomed Sr. Monica to our Weekend liturgies to address the congregation about The Retirement Fund for the Religious. This fund has been in place for the past 25 years and has been remarkably popular, in fact, one of the most popular of our second annual collections. And, in the interest of being newsy, there are nine required "second collections" from the AOD, Aid the Church in Eastern Europe (Feb.), Catholic Relief Services (March), CSA (May), Peter's Pence (June), Mission Coop Speaker (Sometime in the summer months), Priest Retirement (September), Mission Sunday (October), Campaign for Human Development (November), and the Retired Religious (December or, in our case January). Frequently there are additional recommended collections from the AOD: Rice Bowl (Lent), the Holy Land (Good Friday), Church in Poland (Fall), and any additional disaster relief that may come throughout the year. All collections sponsored by the AOD are run through our books and checks are cut to the appropriate Archdiocesan office, which will, in turn, forward it to the final recipient.
- Barb Robinson shared a depressing piece of news with me: our organ may need to be replaced. After having it looked at after the holidays the technician told her he has done all that he can do. On more than one occasion while she was playing a piece of music, I noticed that the organ started acting up. Barb just moved to the piano and finished. I am grateful for her finesse. At this point I simply want to alert folks to something that we may need to address down the line.

### Laurie Hall – Pastoral Report

- Here's a rundown of the plans we have for Lent 2014:  
Catholicism Series continues – we will show sessions 6 – 10 of the Fr. Robert Barron Catholicism series that we began last fall. The sessions are on five consecutive Monday evenings, February 24 – March 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The format includes watching the video, reflecting on questions provided by the facilitator, then group discussion. All are invited to join us. If you missed the first five, you can still participate.
- The Body of Christ, People of the Passion Book Club – we will meet on five consecutive Monday mornings, March 3 – March 31, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. This is an extension of the book club that was offered in Advent. People may purchase the book for personal use or join in the book club. Details are in the Messenger.

- Keeping the Seasons for Lent and Easter 2014 – this is the same as the bulletin inserts we used in Advent. They cover Lent and Easter for 2014. The insert includes prayer, scripture references, and suggestions for each day in Lent. The resource includes nineteen handouts; one for each week of Lent, Holy Week and Easter Time. Once the resource is received, we will look at additional ways to use the handouts, i.e., Ash Wednesday handouts possibly.
- Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent, facilitated by Fr. Tim and led by an assortment of lay people. The time is tentatively 5:00 p.m.
- Little Black Books and other Lenten Reflection books from 23<sup>rd</sup> Publications will be available in the gathering spaces before Ash Wednesday.
- Rice Bowls will be distributed on Ash Wednesday and the following weekend. Messenger articles will cover some of the material for this alms-giving opportunity.
- In addition, the young people will be presenting John's Gospel again this year at Good Friday service. There will be some changes to the production, but the same basic setting.
- So, many opportunities for reflection and prayer as well as learning and growing in our faith!
- Secondly, RCIA update:

We now have 12 people participating in RCIA this year. The number, as you know, has fluctuated throughout the months. We have eight catechumens (those to be brought in through baptism) and four candidates: three who were baptized in another faith, and one who was baptized and received the Sacrament of Holy Communion as a Catholic but was never confirmed. They are a wonderful group of people, with very challenging journeys to this point in their lives. Only a few of the catechumens are preparing for marriage. Very different than past years. We also have a great group of people doing the catechesis and serving as sponsors. Additional parishioners provide food and beverages each Sunday. I am very happy to say that we probably have close to 30 people participating in the RCIA ministry.

Deacon Larry – No Report

Father Tim – Thank everyone for prayers and support for typhoon that occurred in the Philippines

#### **Council Chairperson's Report / Parishioners Viewpoint – Shane –**

Many people have mentioned to him how much they love the new decorations back at Christmas and wanted to thank Fr. Mike and Richard Smolarz for all their hard work and beautiful results.

**Break – Karen Mazzara**

#### **Old Business**

- Activity Center (see presentation above)

#### **New Business –**

- The new parishioner's mass. A letter will be sent inviting all new parishioners (we have 90) to any mass on Feb 23, 2014 and we as the parish council will stay after mass to welcome/host the new parishioners that come out. We will give a token gift as a welcome and talk to them. That is also a way to track how many people come and be able to identify them.

#### **Goals Review followed by, current report if available**

- **Christian Service** – Virginia Chadwick

*Next Christian Service meeting we will be identifying how the corporate works of mercy are affiliated to each of our events and where are the holes and what works are we not using. We will be refreshing the goal setting and reestablish the objectives and the commission bylaws based on the corporate works of mercy and the catholic social teachings. We are making a new development road not changing first teaching. We are going to hear a lot of the words “enrich” and “enhance” in the work we are doing*

- **Education** – Virginia Chadwick
  - Meeting cancelled due to snow
  
- **Finance / Stewardship Commission**- Sr. JoAnn
  - Covered in presentation
  
- **Worship** – Laurie Hall  
No meeting
  
- **Vicariate** – Phyllis Rizzi - Fr. Mike submitted a report on her behalf:  
**Notes taken from December 3, 2013 Presbyteral Council Meeting**

#### **Presentation by the Catholic School Advisory Board of the Archdiocese of Detroit**

The presentation began with an introduction of speakers by Bishop Cepeda: C. Blake – Chair, T. Keating – Vice-Chair, R. Fisher – Pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, S Dixon – Principal of Shrine Elementary, B. Dougherty – Superintendent, Paul Kessman – Director of Strategic planning for Catholic Schools. This is a presentation of findings and visions.

C. Blake – Chair Catholic School Advisory Board stated that in addition to those introduced by Bishop Cepeda, the board was also composed of R. Scullin, S.J. – Gesu, J. Mallia – St. Francis Cabrini, M. Savickas – St. William, M. Miller – retired principal of St. Paul, J. Champion – retired principal of Gesu, K. Strausbaugh – principal of All Saints, K. Walters – Catholic Central campus ministry, R. Martin – Sacred Heart Major Seminary and M. Greenough – AOD.

The advisory board met for three years to consider the data, pray and discuss this issue. The board concluded that enormous resources are needed to make Catholic schooling available to all families of the AOD. With the current financial resources of the AOD this is impossible unless there is a significant increase in stewardship.

Initially a district school model was proposed comprising a Catholic school and surrounding parishes that shared financial responsibility and governance. This was introduced at 10 town hall meetings throughout the AOD. It was met with significant opposition particularly relating to governance and the role of the pastor. After considering the feedback, comments and suggestions; the recommendation was modified. The new model proposes parish schools with regional planning. The Catholic School Advisory Board focused on four key areas of concern as requested by the Archbishop: Catholic Identity, Academic Excellence, Governance, and Accessibility and Financial Stability.

T. Keating was invited to provide some background information on the process.

The board divided to address four key areas, working both independently and as a whole. A set of guidelines to assess the health of Catholic schools was developed. This includes more than 20 guideposts to evaluate. Together in Faith information was also consulted, as well as meetings with school principals and focus groups prior to the 10 town hall meetings. T. Keating reminded the council that the current proposal of the district school model is a first step.

R. Fisher was invited to speak on Catholic identity. The intent is that our Catholic schools would not simply be alternatives to public schools, but as part of the criteria for healthy schools they must be committed to forming our young men and women in the Catholic faith. Catholic identity is reflected in the student body as well as the faculty and support given from the parents of students.

Sharon Dixon spoke on Academic excellence. She stated that administrators need to be Catholic and the religion teachers in

schools need to be Catholic. Teachers also need to be state certified and participating in ongoing development. Standardized text scores reveal successes and high schools also provide input. Catholic schools need to strive to be better than our public and private counterparts. There are 13 standards and 70 benchmarks that have to be addressed through MANS (Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools) each time accreditation takes place. The board recommends not simply administering the standardized Iowa testing but holding ourselves to a minimum of 60th percentile on those tests. A rigorous standardized curriculum that exceeds national standards set for Catholic schools is proposed. The curriculum would support the NCEA Catholic identity initiative. The advisory board is recommending training for priests in effective parish school collaboration and administration as well as ongoing professional development for teachers, administrators and staff. This would include Catholic identity as well as academics.

T. Keating was invited to speak regarding governance and finances. The physical location of the school and the present governance was a concern with the district school model. Together in Faith helped provide important information on the consolidation of parishes that assisted with a reevaluation. The new regional model envisions the four regions in existence today. Each region would form a planning group for the schools within that region. A regional board under the direction of the bishop of that region would be developed consisting of 10-12 members. Two of whom would be priests with schools and two would be priests without schools, as well as 6-8 parishioners. This allows access to various expertise. Each of the schools would also have a governing board to address the day-to-day operations. The regional board is charged with planning, strategy and vision, while the school board under the direction of the pastor would be responsible for moving that school forward. The regional Board looks at strengths and weaknesses.

The advisory board's proposal aims to develop a system to best use the assets available to promote the faith and educate children of the region throughout the archdiocese. The people of a region are asked to contribute so they are participants in the governance.

C. Blake stated that Bishop Reiss chaired a financial sub-committee that studied and analyzed the financial challenges facing the AOD. The sub-committee looked at the school system in a macro way. The school system, which is a \$90 million enterprise, surpasses the size of the offertory or the central services revenue. Therefore the challenge is significant to underwrite and financially support. Recommendations start with sound stewardship. The recommendation from the Advisory board is that the AOD use financial resources to support only schools that meet the criteria for healthy schools or those that will demonstrate an ability to meet them in a reasonable amount of time. The board recommends an AOD discipleship program to increase funding and revenue that can lead to additional resources, as well as an AOD-wide assessment of all parishes to fund needs-based tuition assistance. Tuition would be distributed to families based on a sliding scale. When the time is appropriate the board recommends that the AOD work on a way to increase funding of the endowment as well.

The funding mechanism developed would begin in the year 2014-15 with a 1% assessment of all ADO parishes on all offertory collections with the exception of Christmas. For parishes that subsidize a school the board is recommending a credit for their subsidy up to the amount of the assessment. That assessment would increase 1% a year up to 5% after 5 years (2018-19). A reevaluation would be called for at this time. They encourage schools to move their tuition toward cost, which would make subsidies from parishes less. The board recognizes funding might need to increase in certain regions. The current recommendations are based on what the board believes parishes could reasonably afford. This report did not address the significant capital expenditures that will be necessary in the future. In summary the board recognizes that the financial plan on its own will not meet all of the financial needs but it will begin to address the needs based on what parishes could support.

**Archbishop's comments:** The archbishop is seeking input from two the principle consultative groups of the AOD: the Presbyteral Council and Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. The Archbishop requests recommendations on how to move this proposal forward. The Archbishop commented that the AOD is living as the inheritors of a system and we have to step back and create a new beginning. This report provides the occasion. The Archbishop provided two foundational principles: Catholic schools are an essential resource for the new evangelization, and this apostolate is the responsibility of everyone. The Archbishop admits that this project is very intimidating but he comes to this presbyteral council convinced that it has to be an initiative done together. It needs to have the significant support of the presbyterate, therefore this consultation is absolutely essential. The archbishop seeks to establish a new way of "doing school" in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The Archbishop is asking the PC to review this report and improve it, drawing on shared wisdom to move forward. The Archbishop provided his comments to the Presbyteral Council in printed form. The Archbishop does not request an evaluation of the report, but insight

to carry it forward and re-launch this apostolate.

The Archbishop addressed the key area of Catholic Identity. The identity should be rooted explicit in the worldview that God is the fullest light we have: a Gospel view of the human person. The consequence is that Catholic Schools, shaped by a truer view of the human person, are better schools because they are more fully what a school should be and therefore have greater capacity to achieve the aims of education. The Gospel truth of God, the world, and the individual should form the context for the teaching of every subject.

In the area of excellence the Archbishop notes that it needs to be more clearly related to the identity of Catholic schools. In the area of Governance the report responded clearly to the feedback the board received from pastors, school leader and others. It is now clearly based on a parish model, but it provides for regional cooperation, regional support and regional planning.

The process calls for reviewing Parts 1-3 by the Presbyteral Council and Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. The PC should take the lead role. The process should be structured by identifying elements that merit endorsement and those that need improvement. For the APC the Archbishop is asking for commendations and recommendations forwarded to the Presbyteral Council. The PC then incorporates the insights gained from the APC into their work, summarized into a report structured in the form of commendations and recommendations.

The Archbishop observes that Parts 1-3 address making the institution sound – making it something that the people will be willing to support. Part 4 is distinctive in character as it involves practical decisions about the allocation of resources. It is the most challenging and is not a long-term solution. Part 4 concentrates on making the experience more readily available and offering support for the pressing need. The advisory board sets forth a plan to create a healthy nucleus – a sound basic institution that can grow and eventually begin planning for growth.

Analytical observations: The advisory board's convictions that Catholic schools are an essential resource for the new evangelization and the apostolate is the responsibility of everyone have led the board to recommend that all parish communities should contribute to Catholic education. The mechanism to gain these contributions includes a way to collect resources via an increased assessment and distribution of these resources via a needs based allotment.

The Archbishop offered some ideas about engaging and processing Part 4. The APC should review Part 4 identifying elements that merit endorsement and elements that merits review. This review will be forwarded to the Presbyteral Council. The PC is to do a more thorough review than the APC. Here discussions among the priests should be wide ranging with focus groups to build up a consensus for the re-foundation of the apostolate. It should Included a discussion on the archbishop's foundational convictions. It should include a discussion on the mechanism of collecting funds. There should be consideration of the strengths and weaknesses of the assessment model in comparison with other models (collecting through CSA, annual drive or other types of collections). Consideration is needed regarding the centralized distribution of the funds compared with other methods (ex: parish funds distributed as vouchers within a parish where the funds were raised, with a portion sent to central distribution).

The Archbishop is convinced of the need for Catholic schools for the New Evangelization, and that apostolate is important for the whole Church. He asks for the presbyterate to receive this report and to develop it in such a way that it is something we can all stand behind. He asks the Presbyteral Council to establish a committee of members and priest who are members as well as who are not members along with Bishop Cepeda (not the chair) to manage this review. The charge is to bring the report to the presbyterate and bring a consensus for the renewal of Catholic schools within the archdiocese. The archbishop expressed gratitude for the advisory board committee's work and asked for comments and questions.

A member asked for a clarification if the 1% assessment would begin the next fiscal year. The archbishop is convinced that this will happen more slowly than the board recommends to ensure that the presbyterate moves together.

A member questioned the timeline for the APC report. The archbishop stated that this should happen quickly. The APC will not need to spend as much time in this process as the presbyterate.

A member asked if the report should this be brought up to the priests of the vicariates. While the report is public, the archbishop would like the committee to lead this process.

A member stated that the 1% assessment could make a negative difference in the viability of many parishes. This could be addressed in parish life. The assessment might come from new money. The financial data is in the set of addendums.

M. Verschaeve spoke for S. Ulman: There is no mention of religious order Catholic grade schools. Four religious order elementary schools are relatively successful. These can be looked at in the process. The board was set specifically to look at grade schools.

A member questioned the Archbishop whether unanimity exists in the presbyterate regarding the two key principles. There is a need to work to build agreement.

T. Hogan commented that at a gathering of religious superiors today one discussion item was Catholic identity for the purpose of Catholic education and evangelization.

R. Scullin: The majority of our young people who need formation and spiritual care are not in Catholic Schools. This issue has to be addressed.

The Archbishop stated that it will be up to the chair to populate the committee. Priests who sit on the Presbyteral Council and priests who are not are encouraged to be on the committee. Those interested should see the chair.

- Bob Murphy, attended the Vicariate meeting and shared the following information:
  - The first 20 Min of the meeting were about Eucharistic Ministers and their certification to possibly change to a 5 year cycle. It is currently every 2 years but would be great to do every 5. The intent is so that others do not view an EM as “permanent” and to encourage everyone to participate. May not be realistic, due to lack of people and if a person is called to do that, they should not be refrained. We should be continuously inviting people . We should not make it more difficult for people to perform ministry.
  - New vicariate website was very interesting especially for curious Catholics. A lot of history is available there. Also, we can send info to the site for publishing of any events we are hosting and want to get out to the Vicariate.
  - There is a parish info form that can be used to give information to the vicariate for use on the website showing the hours of mass and events etc.
  - There is an evangelization event being held 2/26/147-9 PM called “The Christ Life” where they will be discussing the effort on evangelization.
- **Youth** – Laurie shared on the youth group ‘s behalf
  - Super Bowl of Caring raised \$1600 which was shared between St. Vincent De Paul and CLT
  - Raised 4500 pounds of food for St. Leos over Thanksgiving and Christmas
  - A video created by Susan DeBenedetti has been created to highlight the youth participation. It will be used for multiple purposes and additional footage will be taken in the future.

#### **Roundtable**

- No additional comments

**Closing Prayer** – Lester Nevens

**Meeting Assessment** – Very productive meeting

**Meeting Adjournment** – 9:10 PM

**Next Meeting** – March 11, 2014 – delayed due to Fr. Mike’s vacation

**Respectfully submitted,**

