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Opening Prayer Service prepared by St. Hilary Parish, led by Sr. Marie Miller, IHM

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at St. Hilary by Jerry Szczepanski.
Minutes were reviewed and approved.
No Treasurer's report

Evangelization – Paco Gavriledes, Evangelization Department, Archdiocese of Detroit

- Go and Make Disciples - A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States
 - GOAL I - To bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others.
 - GOAL II - To invite all people in the United States, whatever their social or cultural background, to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ so they may come to join us in the fullness of the Catholic faith.
 - GOAL III - To foster Gospel values in our society, promoting the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family, and the common good of our society, so that our nation may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ.
 - These goals are based upon the mission of the Church:
 - "To evangelize is to bear witness, in a simple and direct way, to God revealed by Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit." (Evangelii Nuntiandi, 26)
 - Jesus: "To other towns I must announce the Good News of the Kingdom of God, because that is why I was sent" (Lk. 4:43).
 - Vatican II: "The whole Church is missionary" (Ad Gentes, 35).
 - Paul VI: "The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential Mission of the Church. Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity . She exists in order to evangelize" (Evangelii Nuntiandi, 14).
 - Pope John Paul II: "I sense the moment has come to commit all of the Church's energies to a new evangelization and to the mission ad gentes. No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church, can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples" (Redemptoris Missio, 3). "I



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therefore invite all the Catholics of America to take an active part in the evangelizing initiatives which the Holy Spirit is stirring in every part of this immense continent" (Ecclesia in America, 76).

- U.S. Bishops: "We use the word evangelization because its root meaning is Gospel (good news) and because it calls us, even if uncomfortably, to live the faith of our baptism more openly and share it more freely" (Go and Make Disciples, 24).
- Catholic Evangelization reaches out to 6 groups:
 1. Active Catholics (constant conversion)
 2. Nominal Catholics (re-evangelization)
 3. Inactive Catholics (reconciliation)
 4. Catholic Children (formation & education)
 5. Other Christians (fullness)
 6. Non-Christians (conversion & incorporation)
- Paco Gavriledes indicated that successful evangelization is:
- Parish-based - parish "buys into" vision
 - Pastor – See parish-evangelistically
 - Buy in from all ministries and all commissions
 - Establishes a parish Evangelization Committee with time, energy and conviction
- The Mobile Evangelization Team (MET)
 - 3-day mission at parish
 - 8-week training session
 - 4-week with committee by MET
 - Mobile Evangelization Team (MET) brochure
- The Evangelization Office has begun a follow up process to assist parishes as they meet difficulties in their individual efforts.
 - The Northwest Wayne Vicariate has established a website to cover Best Practices Wed., Feb. 18
 - A follow up session for all parishes each month at SHMS, 2-hour workshop: \$3 breakfast/presentation/table-talk - check website - 3rd Sat./month (Sept.-May)
 - Q & A:
 1. outline would be helpful on how the new program differs from Sign-Me-



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2. Men's conference -- multi-cultural/city/diversity
3. parish workshop -- need presenters with Catholic experience
4. cluster presentation
5. comments -- watch how you measure success
6. what about family members who've left the Church
7. programs available in US Church
8. Next year's Saturday sessions will be on 9 hot-button issues -- how to evangelize - patience, compassion, love.

Vicar's report - Fr. Don Archambault

Visioning Committee following through on assignment from the Vicariate in November – How do we do urban ministry ?

A conference is planned at SHMS, on May 30 or June 13 (a Saturday) from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Speakers under consideration are Fr. John Hurley - NPL office, Dr. Kate Wiskus from Mundelein (Chicago), Mark Magulka - Green Bay. The conference would be for parish staffs, councils, commissions - ALL are welcome.

Additional members welcome for Visioning Committee - next meeting March 5, 6:30 p.m., at Corpus Christi.

Fr. Don will be meeting with Archbishop Vigneron on February 18th to introduce him to the Vicariate and outline the visioning we are undertaking.

Fr. Don – Closing of St. Catherine of Siena Parish and what happens to St. Christine Outreach Center – what process was or is being followed?

Announcements

Deacon Hubert Sanders - Presentation/Our Lady of Victory - weekly calendar
Monday night RCIA, Tuesday Mass and Vibes Coffee House, series on salvation history, synoptic gospels, confirmation sessions for late teens – check website for details.
check website

Mary Caroline Jonah - St. Peter Claver - Lenten Fish Fry , March 22 Healing Service

St. Gregory - Albert Clark - Sept. 2009 revival

St. Leo - Pax Christi April 25 at Marygrove



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St. Cecilia - Black History Month Prayer Breakfast, faith enrichment for seniors

St. Luke - Mardi Gras, Sat, Feb 21

St. Suzanne/Our Lady Gate of Heaven -- March 8 Corned Beef and Cabbage
Rainbow Raffle (\$100 ticket or buy-a-share)

St. Mary's of Redford - calendar of march events including Fish Fry and RTL baby shower

St. Thomas Aquinas - 6:30 p.m. Sunday Mass, lent fish fry, 4-7 p.m. (But not March 13),
March 14 - corned beef and cabbage

Glenn – Please send all of this information to me for the Trinity Vicariate website

Next meeting March 17 at St. Christopher

submitted by Christine Laing