

June 5, 2009

Fr. Stephen Rooney
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish
8330 Lewis Ave.
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Dear Fr. Rooney,

In January you and representatives from the Monroe Vicariate Pastoral Council met with a member of the Tracking Committee to discuss your progress in the Together In Faith planning process. Each Tracking Committee member then wrote a summary of their meetings, which was sent to the entire committee. We discussed all of the vicariates at our May meeting and identified specific items that we would like each vicariate to address, and some issues that affect all vicariates.

Despite being one of the largest vicariates geographically, the Monroe Vicariate parishes are to be commended for collaborating in several areas. We look forward to updates on the ministry to Family, Youth and Young Adults, the work of the Christian Service/Peace & Justice Committee and a sense of the number of catechists trained and certified through your vicariate wide Catechists Formation Program. In these extremely challenging economic times it is important that the vicariate continue to develop a collaborative plan to support Catholic Schools by December 2009, in addition to the study currently being conducted. Bishop Flores has indicated his desire to meet with many of the vicariate pastoral councils to brainstorm different ways each can respond to the needs of the growing Hispanic community in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Your current efforts should be of great value in such discussions. This session should be scheduled by Fall 2009. Finally, although many of the parishes in your vicariate have already done so, every parish in the vicariate will need to identify and begin discussions with another parish with which they will cluster or collaborate with in some way, particularly in the event of the retirement, illness or reassignment of a pastor. Please submit a complete list by Fall, 2009.

We thank you for your commitment to the Together In Faith process and continuing to collaborate for more effective ministry in support of the parishes, schools and institutions within the vicariate. Please share this information with the vicariate pastoral council, and be prepared to provide the Tracking Committee with an update by Fall 2009.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Miller
Chair
Archdiocesan Tracking Committee

cc: Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron
Bishop Francis Reiss