

June 5, 2009

Fr. Jerome Machlik
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Dear Fr. Machlik,

In March you and the representatives from the North Macomb 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.

We want to commend the progress of the Young Adult Ministry program jointly sponsored with the Central Macomb Vicariate. We hope that even more young adults and parishes participate in the coming year, and ask that you consider a stronger theological content for this ministry. You are encouraged to work with the AOD Central Service Offices, the Young Adult Ministry Coordinator and the two VPC Commissions to resolve the concerns about the current program content. We know there have been efforts in the past to also collaborate with Central Macomb Vicariate in the area of Adult Formation, and recommend you consider using "*Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*" or a similar program to refocus on this area. In addition to the ministry that is already being done to support Hispanics in your vicariate, 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. This session should be scheduled by Fall 2009. We are pleased to hear of your financial commitment and look forward to hearing how you continue to support lay ecclesial ministers. We especially want to commend you for the vicariate wide Lenten Mission held this year and the full coverage of the event as it was underway on your vicariate web site. This serves as an example of collaborative effort to the entire Archdiocese. We also note with pleasure your progress with Austin Catholic Academy and the cooperation which may result in relocation of the worship site for St. Francis of Assisi - St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish. Finally, although several of the parishes in your vicariate are very large, every parish will need to identify 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 Daniel Flores