

June 5, 2009

Fr. Michael Nkachukwu
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1265 Parkview
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Dear Fr. Nkachukwu,

In March you and representatives from the Renaissance 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 your work to establish committees, and a budget to support collaborative ways to respond to identified needs. In particular, we agree with and encourage the VPC to develop and refine the Young Adult/Campus Ministry and Youth Ministry programs; to produce and distribute an Outreach reference guide and to coordinate these services; to organize and promote a program on racism; to support formation opportunities for lay ecclesial ministers; and to develop a vicariate website. In these extremely challenging economic times it is important that the vicariate develop a collaborative plan to support Catholic Schools, and specifically Christo Rey High School, by December 2009. We look forward to receiving an update on the work of the committees as you evaluate goals and plan for the future.

Finally, every parish in the vicariate needs to identify another parish with which they will cluster or collaborate with, particularly in the event of the retirement, illness or reassignment of a pastor. Assumption Grotto, St. Ambrose, St. Paul and St. Hyacinth should provide the names of their Affiliation or Cluster partners 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