

**Monroe Vicariate Evangelization & Adult Faith Formation
Standing Committee Meeting, St. Anne Church, Newport, MI
December 9, 2010**

| MEMBERS PRESENT | MEMBERS ABSENT |
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| Gerald Demski (St. Michael the Archangel) | Gary Davis (St. Mary, Monroe) |
| Kathleen DeFigueiredo (St. Michael the Archangel) | Marcia Burlen (St. Joseph, Erie) |
| Deacon Mike Ingels (St. Mary, Monroe) | Yvonne Davison (St. John the Baptist) |
| Christine Jones (St. Irene & St. Joseph, Ida) | Karen Flint (St. Charles) |
| Dick & Sue Lajiness (St. Anne, Monroe) | Donna Galante (St. Mary, Rockwood) |
| Gayle Patterfritz (St. Joseph, Monroe) | Nancy Harwood (St. Charles) |
| Kathy Stofka (St. Joseph, Erie) | Mary Kolasinski (St. Anthony) |
| Linda Wilson (DRE Representative) | Mary Pat Miller (St. John the Baptist) |
| | Mike Yales (St. Joseph, Maybee) |
| | Christine Zaums (Our Lady of Mount Carmel) |
| | GUESTS |
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Budget for current year \$3000. We have spent \$0 to date.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Dick Lajiness at 7:10 p.m. with a prayer led by Deacon Mike Ingels.
2. No Changes in Membership.
3. **Minutes from 11/4/10 meeting** have been approved with one correction. In item #4, add wording that the Committee decided to support only parish evangelization programs which are "offered Vicariate-wide".
4. **Budget Considerations** – all members agreed that the 2011-2012 budget amounts will be the same as approved in the 2010-2011 budget – i.e. \$3000 allocated for Evangelization programs and \$2700 for Adult Faith Formation speaker stipends. Also, the quarterly distribution will remain the same as last year's budget but may be amended once the Committee has approved parish program requests. Also, a revised budget write-up, describing the Committee's responsibilities and how the budget monies will be used, was reviewed and approved by members.

To accomplish budget objectives for this fiscal year, Chris and Linda designed and presented an application form which parishes will use to request funds from the Committee for their planned evangelization programs. The form will be amended to include suggested criteria and wording and emailed to Committee members for comments and approval. Once approved, the form will be put on the Vicariate website as well as hand carried by committee members to the appropriate representatives within their parish. An application submittal deadline was set at Feb. 15, 2011. The Committee will approve distribution of budget monies at its February meeting. The same form will be used in the 2011/2012 Fiscal year.

5. **ALPHA Training** - On December 4th Dick and Sue Lajiness, Kathy Stofka and Linda Wilson attended an Alpha training in Sterling Heights. Attendees gave a brief summary of the training. Attendees agreed it was a very positive and informative experience. St. Joseph-Erie parish is planning to run the Alpha Program during this coming lent and end the program before Easter. Kathy will head this program and plans to invite all Youth Ministers and DRE's of the Vicariate to participate.

Dick spoke briefly on the Youth Alpha Program. At the training Dick spoke with a Hispanic Youth Coordinator for one of the Detroit parishes. She noted that they had 70 youths from her parish who participated in this program and they have been requested to run the program at two other sister parishes. Committee members agreed that this program should be given to the Vicariate's Youth Committee for possible consideration. Dick will contact the Committee chairperson.

6. **Webpage:** Information about the Committee has been submitted to Crysti Esper for placement on the Monroe Vicariate website. It was agreed that contact information for our Secretary, Christine Jones, should be added to the webpage.
7. **DRE Report on Adult Faith Formation** – Linda announced the following coming activities: Fr. Vileo at St. Michael's has weekly Advent presentations; all are invited on the Bus Tour to Washington D.C. with the Champions of Life; an information flyer on the Professional Ministerial Certification program was distributed for review by members; there are Leader Training Workshops coming up regarding the New Roman Missal which will be implemented next Advent (2011)..
8. **VPC Representative** – there was no report as the Committee's VPC representative (Mary Kolasinski) was unable to attend this meeting

9. **Open Forum:**

- St. Anne's will join St. Mary's with gifting the book "Rediscovering Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly to parishioners at all their Christmas masses. An additional forty books are donated to St. Joseph-Erie by Jerry and Maxine Demski in honor of their marriage in that parish.
- Discussion regarding the AOD Men's Conference to achieve 10 thousand male participants with suggestions that individual personal invitation is necessary.

10. **The next meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne Parish Hall, Monroe.**

11. The meeting was closed at 8:50 p.m. with prayer led by Jerry Demski.

Respectfully Submitted:
Chris Jones