

## **Cluster 21 Pastoral Council**

Sunday, April 13, 2008

St. Louis Parish Hall

**Present:** Peter Lancia, Pennie Kinney, Fr. Fred Morse, Sr. Theresa Rand, Msgr. Paul Stefanko, Greg St. Angelo, Fr. Ireneusz Chodakowski, M.I.C., Peter Gribbin, Ray Rier, Fr. Kevin Martin, Fr. Richard Bertrand, S.J., Lori Arsenault

### **Minutes:**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Review and accept agenda and minutes from the last meeting.
3. Announcement of Rob Lupo's ordination, Friday, May 16, 4 p.m. at the Cathedral. All are welcome.
4. Cluster Events and Initiatives
  - *Protecting God's Children* – Christine Thibeault is being trained in May, and is proposing a date of June 8/9 for the first training offered in Cluster 21. This will be added to the calendar on the Diocesan Web site along with the trainings in other clusters.
  - Disciples in Mission Reflection Day, June 14, Cathedral Guild Hall, for all people who participated and others. Majority of folks have had a positive experience. Diocese is asking for feedback. Lori will distribute another copy of the feedback form.
  - Cathedral School annual meeting, Wednesday April 16, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Tuition has been increased by \$300 for the first child of each family. Open house was well attended, and hopefully those families will be there. Thursday and Friday will be screening for pre-K and K. Question about parish subsidy formula. Cost of tuition will be posted on school Web site after April 16. Lori will try to get the new formula based on offertory from Peter McPartland. Bishop made his annual visit to the school. As a school has received a letter from the Bishop about the pope's visit, asking the school to teach about the pope. Cathedral has 15 girls graduating, and of those, 13 will be going to McCauley, 1 will be going to Cheverus, 1 boy will be going to St. Dominic.
  - Newsletter: comments from the school have been good. Peter made some comments about liking the format of including articles from the neighboring clusters, the Diocese and the Vatican.
5. **Action:** have done needs assessments, identified themes and goals. Have identified four areas, catechesis, evangelization, communication and business. Break into subcommittees and work actions that will 1) serve the needs of all of the parishes and 2) bring the Cluster together. Discussion of the process.

6. Committee brainstorming sessions – short-term goals

**Evangelization and Catechesis:**

- Marriage Prep – bring together key people, establish different teams for spring and fall
- Youth Ministry – what it looks like now and the vision. No parish has a youth minister but no more. Currently a vacuum. Find out who is interesting and bringing them together
- Someone to promote the things that already exists in the Diocese
- Baptism prep

**Business:**

- Human Resource Audit – work with Theresa Schulz, anticipated result would be a report to which we can respond.
- How to share expenses – work with Peter McPartland, anticipated result would be to develop a formula; invite Fr. John Skehan to discuss what Cluster 27 has done.
- Distribute job descriptions to the Cluster council
- Distribute Cluster 27 report to the Cluster council
- Attend May 2 Evangelization Day at St. John's in Bangor.

**Communication** (was not done as a committee at this meeting, but had previously been done by the communication committee)

- Short term tasks/goals
  - Maintain Cluster Newsletter and communication with parish bulletin editors.
  - Bulletin board in each church
  - Notebook in each church containing documents that others can find on the Web site.
  - Cluster-wide town meeting
  - Longer term goals are also available

7. Reminder about getting event information to bulletin editors and/or Lori for insertion in the Cluster Newsletter.

8. Discussed a letter that was received with regard to the business manager position. Peter Lancia responded that we have not progressed far enough into the implementation to have any details about hiring for these new positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

The next meeting is Sunday, May 18, 2008.

Submitted by Lori Arsenault