

June 5, 2009

Fr. Jerome Brzezinski  
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3665 Walton Boulevard  
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Dear Fr. Brzezinski,

In February you and representatives from the Pontiac Area 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 work of the various committees of the Pontiac Area Vicariate, with detailed plans and budgets to respond collaboratively to identified needs. In particular we want to recognize the Pontiac Catholic Community for their decision to merge three parishes by July 2009. Hopefully this transition will ease the administrative responsibilities for the new pastor, and re-energize the Pontiac Area Vicariate Hispanic Plan. The vicariate Pastoral Care, CCRT, ACTS, Genesis Ministries plans are all excellent models for the diocese. The Youth Ministry and Catholic School Activity plans appear to be moving forward and we look forward to receiving an update in the Fall 2009 as you continue to evaluate all of these activities and plan for the future.

Bishop Flores has indicated his desire to meet with many of the vicariate pastoral councils in his region 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. Finally, we want to strongly encourage the pastors of the vicariate to make sure their parishioners understand the Affiliation model, what it means, and who their Affiliate Partners are.

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