

Genesee- Wyoming Lay Vicariate

March 29, 2010

Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall

Next Meeting: Monday May 10th at St. Cecilia, Centerline Rd., Sheldon

Members present: Tom Lynch, Kathy Saville, Diane Schreiber, Danny Galland, Pat Pecker, John Redfern, Scott Schildwaster, Lori Reisdorf, Kathy Warren, Rose Mead, Kelly Prattico, John Arent, Fr. Art, Liz Saleh, Regina Abdella.

Father Art Matulke opened the meeting with a Holy Week prayer and asked for God's blessings on our meeting.

The Vicariate meeting minutes will be posted on the web site (www.padrepony.org and click on Vicariate) and faxed to the pastors.

There are 7 combined parishes in Genesee County and 4 in Wyoming County. John Lynch asked that we encourage all the pastors to have a representative at each meeting. Each parish pastor has contributed to a "Vicariate Fund" that can be used for speakers, etc. Please ask to have the Vicariate web-site put in your parish bulletin. We should list Mass schedules, Bible study groups, youth groups, events in the parish, retreats – any and all parish activities - on the site.

The Western New York Catholic Men's Conference was attended by approximately 1,000 men.

The Year of the Priest Mass will take place June 6th at St. Joseph's Church. Kathy Saville cannot chair the refreshments as she will be away that weekend. Pat Becker will take over as refreshment point person. Please contact Pat at 343-1107 to let her know how many cookies your parish will commit to. Scott Schildwaster will contact the Knights of Columbus. Channel information on greeters, lectors and gift bearers to Liz Saleh at 585-599-3540 or 585-409-4140.

A proposal for a Mission Statement for the Vicariate will be presented at the next meeting by Chairman John Arent. John is also trying to make contact for a training program for approaching someone who has fallen away from the faith. He is contacting the office of Parish Life for a training program for the Peer Annulment Program where those going through the annulment process are helped by trained peers. Ideally we could have

people from our Vicariate trained to help others in the Vicariate.

August 1st is the date for the Lay and Priest Vicariate dinner at St. Isadore in Perry.

We are asked to bring our pastors' concerns back to our meetings.

Father Art recommended we think about a retreat for Lay Vicariate members. St Isadore's is doing a retreat for women at the Abbey of the Genesee in Piffard in May.

On August 15th the merger ceremony will be held for St. Mary's in Pavilion and Immaculate Conception in East Bethany when they will become Mary Immaculate.

The meeting ended with a prayer and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Becker

Vice-Chairman