

June 5, 2009

Fr. Mark Brauer
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish
23815 Power Road
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Dear Fr. Brauer,

In March you and representatives from the Farmington/Southfield 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 vicariate for their continued focus on Youth Ministry, and encourage more parishes to participate in this collaboration. We look forward to an update, particularly on the vicariate wide Encounter Process. We would also like an update on the Adult Formation plan begun in each parish, using *"Our Hearts Were Burning Within us."* In these extremely challenging economic times it is important that the vicariate develop a collaborative plan which includes ways to financially support Catholic Schools by December 2009. Bishop Flores has indicated his desire to meet with many of the vicariate pastoral councils 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. Although there are several very large parishes in your vicariate, every parish needs to identify another parish with which they will cluster or collaborate with in some way, particularly in the event of the retirement, illness or reassignment of a pastor. Please submit a complete list 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
Monsignor John Zenz