

June 5, 2009

Fr. Richard Trembl  
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Dear Fr. Trembl,

In January you and representatives from the Thumb 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 collaborative training of lay ecclesial ministers, particularly in the areas of Catechist and DRE formation, RCIA and Adult Faith Formation. We look forward to receiving an update in Fall 2009, as you reevaluate goals and plan for the future. 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. In these extremely challenging economic times it is important that the vicariate develop a collaborative plan which includes ways to financially support your Catholic Elementary School by December 2009. We understand that several parishes had hoped to renovate or expand, and hope those plans move forward as funding allows. Finally, every parish in the vicariate needs to identify another parish with which they will cluster or collaborate with, 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  
Bishop Daniel Flores