

Presbyteral Council

Thursday 20 March 2013

Summary

Report:

Hispanic Ministry Assessment Response

1. Has begun with the communities at Grand Junction, Delta, Montrose/Olathe and Center/Alamosa
2. Is being led by Bishop's Pastoral Associates (part-time) Deacon Jerry LeBlanc (Alamosa/Center), Carlos Ruiz (Grand Junction/Delta) and Jose Pacheco (Montrose/Olathe).
3. Discussion points:
 - a. What is the proper place of bi-lingual Mass?
 - i. It doesn't satisfy
 - ii. Yet it may have a proper place
 - b. The parish is a community of communities, so we need to structure how these communities relate: hospitality
 - c. What are our obligations to facilitate enculturation?
 - i. 19th century and early 20th we had national parishes
 1. Latin Mass was common bond, now the Mass in vernacular
 2. Catholic school was major tool, now largely unavailable
 - ii. Enculturation today also happening faster in the next generation

New Accounting System Implementation:

1. Bob Hain offered an apology, then a complete background presentation.
2. The following issue surfaced:
 - a. **Access policies:** The pastor shall remain in control.
 - b. **Cost:** \$20 - \$60 per month in the long run. Support is in the fee.
 - c. **Implementation:**
 - i. Finance Office please be available to meet with parish Finance Council.
 - ii. Please be flexibly available to assist parishes on site.
3. Approved:
 - a. July 1 implementation OK for 5 deaneries.
 - b. Slower timetable (October 1, January 1) OK for Grand Junction Deanery. Their concerns:
 - i. New costs?
 - ii. Retaining history?
 - iii. Timing in general?
 - iv. Budgeting issues?

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- v. Procedures changes?
- vi. Consultation method?
- vii. Regime of implementation:
 - 1. Whole deanery presentation May 2
 - 2. Availability to parishes
 - 3. Time flexibility
- c. **April 16-19 introduction session** OK in all deaneries.
- d. **Chart of accounts** work will follow immediately for each parish.
- e. **June 11-14 implementation sessions** OK in all deaneries.

Morale/Fraternity Building:

- ∞ Contextual reflection and discussion: all organizations die and rise
- ∞ Put on hold till next meeting because of time.

Clergy Assembly Agenda:

- ∞ May 8 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- ∞ Proposed Agenda items (they will be modified):
 - Bob Hain report to and listen to whole group.
 - Reports:
 - Bishop report?
 - Pastoral Visits
 - Deanery process
 - Hispanic Ministry
 - Lawsuits
 - Trust questions
 - Corporate issues
 - Employment policies: feedback
Implementation date?
 - Stewardship
 - DMF
 - Marriage Preparation
 - Youth Ministry status
 - Campus Ministry (parish-centered)
 - Prison Ministry status
 - Schools
 - Vocations: presbyteral and diaconal

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Action Steps

Presbyter Evaluation