

Archdiocese of Detroit

ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL (APC)

September 12, 2011

On behalf of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC), I want to thank you for all of the time and hard work you contributed to the Together In Faith Pastoral Planning process over the past seven months. It was very clear from the recommendations you submitted that you took this process very seriously and faithfully. The APC member(s) who reviewed your recommendations were very impressed by your thoughtfulness and sincerity. And now we move to the next steps.

In order to make the next three months as fruitful as possible, it will be necessary for each member of the planning group to prepare by answering the questions/responses from the APC prior to each meeting in September – November. To clarify:

1. The APC spent 12 months in 2010 – 2011 developing pastoral Goals and Objectives for five priorities, along with two from the Archbishop. In your first meeting you will once again review these priorities, goals and objectives for Evangelization and Catechesis, Youth and Young Adults, Christian Service Outreach, Catholic School Education, Lay Leadership, Stewardship and Administration, and Vocations so that your final plans will be responding to the **MISSION** of the Church of Detroit.
2. Your second meeting will focus on the specific APC responses to your recommendations. (Final Recommendation Questions 1 -3)
3. Your third and fourth meetings you will focus on Final Recommendation Questions 4 – 8, integrating the plans for schools into these discussions.
4. In your final meeting(s), using the attached Summary format, you will create the final plan to be submitted to the APC and the Archbishop. This Summary will provide a framework for the APC and the Archbishop to pull all 40 Plans together into an Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan.

Some of you have already had your first September meeting to review the APC Priorities, Goals and Objectives, others will do so in the coming weeks. The rest of the meetings in September, October and November will require honest, realistic and objective reflection and discussion as we build a plan for the next five – ten years.

There is still a great deal of good work to be completed and it is difficult to anticipate the full impact on the Church of Detroit. However I am confident that, together, we will build stronger parishes and schools, and enhance the presence of the Catholic Church throughout Southeast Michigan.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



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