

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council



26 January 2006

How do we as an Archdiocese re-unify? "COMMUNICATION BUILDS TRUST"

On 26 January 2006 the APC met at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Bishop Peterson Hall, Brighton for Evening Prayer and Grace. A light dinner was available in Bishop Peterson Hall Meeting Room for all in attendance and the meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m.

I. *Opening Remarks: Bishop Lennon & Archbishop Seán:*

- a. Bishop Lennon, in the anticipated late arrival of Archbishop Seán, extended the Archbishop's welcome to all the newly commissioned Archdiocesan Pastoral Council members. Each new member participated in an orientation which included members of the Steering Committee, Secretary, Committee Chairpersons, and Rev. Arthur M. Coyle (Fr. Art).
- b. During the round table of introductions for all members Archbishop Seán arrived.
- c. Archbishop Seán spoke of his initiation of three archdiocesan-wide committees and invited all APC members to help enrich, react, and/or comment on each committee's progress as they evolve in time:
 - i. Faith Formation Committee: after Confirmation - then what? This committee will focus on youth and young adult faith formation. APC member Suzanne Robotham has been welcomed to the committee.
 - ii. Marriage Committee: Sacramental index is down, i.e. Baptisms and Marriage. This committee will focus on enrichment, preparation, and support. APC members Anne Fennell and Patricia Meuse have been welcomed to the committee.
 - iii. Pastoral Planning Committee: This committee will focus their efforts on future personnel and resources. APC member Deacon Philip LaFond has been welcomed to this committee.
- d. The Archbishop has put in place a Fiscal Recovery Team who will be developing corrective actions.
- e. In invitation to all APC members to consider attending this year's **2006 Catholic Men's Conference**. All Catholic Men are invited to participate on Saturday **March 4, 2006** at the new Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in South Boston. Archbishop O'Malley will be the Celebrant and Homilist. 4,000+ men are expected. Friday evening, March 3rd, 2006 a special program has been put in place for women and again all are invited to attend and spread the word. For more details: www.rcab.org

II. *2010 Initiative - Strategic Plan for Catholic Schools: presenters included Sister Kathleen Carr, CSJ, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Neal D. Meitler, Founder and Exec. Dir. of Meitler Associates.*

- a. A review of all the progress was shared; all links below will provide specific details.
- b. The demographic shift is a reality and needs to be factored into the future of Catholic Education. Fact: within the Rt. 128 corridor are where 2/3rds of the catholic schools are situated; however, 2/3rds of the population lives outside the Rt. 128 corridor.
- c. Various schools are now working together for the greater good of the Archdiocese and have actually partnered / consolidated to provide a stronger Catholic institution for learning. St. Matthew's and St. Gregory's were mentioned as an example of mutual partnering.

- d. A Catholic School Ad Campaign is about to get underway. The ads will communicate the advantages of a Catholic Education and the goal, increased enrollments.
- e. There was a discussion of how school boards would play a larger role than in the past, of regionalization, of developing a planning committee, restructuring, & right sizing.
- f. Archbishop Seán mentioned how the Catholic School Foundation distributes \$6million a year in financial aid. He spoke of an ongoing study that will determine the feasibility of school buildings, recommend where the Archdiocese should invest its resources. The goal is to invest in the right buildings, and the real need for community to realize two weak schools can become one strong and vibrant school sharing resources for the betterment of catholic education. A solid plan will be put into practice demonstrating fiscal responsibility, feasibility, purpose, intent, and predicted outcomes to avoid poor press.
- g. Specific public details may be found and all were encouraged to communicate both the site and its content: www.meitler.com/support.asp password: boston
- h. Additionally, questions, comments, concerns, and ideas may be sent to Sister Kathleen Carr, CSJ, Superintendent of Schools, at cso@abcso.org

III. *Brief Summary Reports of the APC Committees, given by the Committee Chairs:*

- a. *Communications Committee:* K. Delehanty
 - 1. New members were welcomed
 - 2. Met once since last meeting
 - 3. M. Gilroy, committee secretary is the liaison to the Web Team, the committee has a variety of content ideas and will bring their concepts forward through Mike and the Web Team/APC
 - 4. New APC Rep assignments will be forthcoming via e-mail and of course there is always opportunity to swap assignments. All that will be communicated in the Email.
 - 5. At the moment there is no feedback opportunity available, questionnaire do out soon.
 - 6. APC Reps are conduits and the Communications Committee is ready to serve.
- b. *Parish Life and Leadership Committee:* N. Cirone filling in absence of chair
 - 1. New members were welcomed
 - 2. Memo and survey provided to all APC members dated January 25, 2006 (attached copy)
- c. *Catholic Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee:* A. Fennell
 - 1. New members were welcomed
 - 2. 44 of the 307 surveys have been returned and tabulated
 - 3. Data base being developed
 - 4. Some programming not included in data
 - 5. The goal of unique programming is attainable
 - 6. Next meeting, focus on how best to follow up on those surveys that have not been received.
- d. *Web Team:* T. Phamduy
 - 1. Extended an invite to new members & invited them to consider joining the team.
 - 2. Existing membership met, new members oriented and now have access
 - 3. APC Reps will be updated soon
 - 4. Training was provided so each team member can maintain and keep current their committee's web site folder.
 - 5. M. Gilroy to work with Communications Committee to develop a draft recommendation of the web site's next generation of added features.

IV. *Communication Strategy for the Archdioceses of Boston - Presentation & Discussion: presenters included: Mr. Terrence Donilon, Cabinet Secretary for Communications and Public Relations along with Mr. Kevin Shea, Assistant Director of the Office of Communication and Public Relations.*

- a. Recognized the efforts of:
 - i. Bishop Lennon who kept the RCAB together during the recent tumultuous events.

- ii. Archbishop Seán who is the real reason why both gentlemen came on board because they believe in him and the Holy Father for appointing the archbishop.
- b. Three handouts were provided of which only one is attached (on line); the other two were, a copy of The Pilot, and BCTV's monthly Programming Guide.
- c. Background information: Mr. Donilon - 20 yrs in communication business, (Shaws, R.I. Politics, family man, Catholic, etc.). Mr. Shea, former director of marketing for the Boston Red Sox.
- d. Their job is to assist Archbishop Seán in his ministry.
- e. Facts:
 - i. Sex abuse rocked the Catholic Church to its very core
 - ii. Learned grace under pressure as the eyes of the RCAB
 - iii. 2002 reality is here to stay so RCAB is moving forward and will never forget its lesson.
 - iv. The Communications Secretary's Office is funded by the Catholic Foundation
 - v. Three people organization (attachment mentioned above)
 - vi. In the process of assessing and strategizing their role
 - vii. Pilot is fabulous newspaper: went from 14 to 7 people, readership is 25 to 26K / yr., could the paper improve - what couldn't improve. It has been well managed to attain the defined goals. New goals are in process of development.
 - viii. BCTV is growing and wonderfully directed by its leadership and support staff. Goals are in process of development - how best to have the station help with the Archbishop's ministry.
 - ix. Principles of media representing the RCAB:
 - 1. always speak the truth
 - 2. represent Archbishop Seán and the Catholic Church at all times
 - 3. speak repetitively of the Church's healing
 - 4. respond in a reasonable timeframe
 - x. Ongoing business:
 - 1. Planning for the communication of financial transparency this spring. This is the first time the books will be open in the history of the RCAB and that is both exciting and remarkable. Clearly the first step in "rebuilding the trust."
 - 2. Managing reconfiguration activity, sales, Vatican appeals, etc.
 - 3. MA Catholic Conference vote supporting financial disclosure on RCAB terms
 - 4. Lots of good media stories on the horizon including: parish life, Catholic schools, newspaper articles on vocations, etc.
 - 5. Internal communication needs improvement
 - 6. Financial Transparency demands electronic technology.
 - 7. E-Mail is the 1st priority (80/20 rule)
 - 8. Technology Plan is on the radar as is continuing education as approx. 20% not currently engaged with technology.
 - 9. Establish liaison partnership/genuine friendships so we can help media report the news, access to Archbishop, etc.
 - 10. Emulate financial transparency, The Pilot, BCTV, 5 year plan, expand reach, new programming, Fr. Reed simplifies our faith and can help promote outreach techniques, etc.
 - 11. Develop Public Affairs programming and respecting strict FCC licensing guidelines.
 - 12. Consistent with the Archbishop's ministry, BCTV can aid as a teaching tool and will continue to explain, teach, and catechize on important issues and matters.
- f. Looking forward to working with the APC Communications Committee
- g. The RCAB is blessed to have the unprecedented leadership of both Archbishop Seán and Bishop Lennon.
- h. Both are assets and of great service to the US community and will be utilized as such

- i. It was noted by APC membership:
 - i. Internal communication at local church level is lacking: sign this petition, Appeal, call your legislature, parish is the front line, participation and communication from RCAB seems one way.
 - ii. What does the everyday Catholic think about the RCAB
 - iii. The archbishop should be on BCTV everyday as should Bishop Lennon
 - iv. Forward thinking: Men's & Women's Conferences should be good press, get communication out to the people in the pews.
 - v. Youth Ministry is in ACTION: Attleboro Retreats, 3,000 teens, a call for vocations and 300 youths walk up to altar - that's good stuff.
 - vi. Youth reporters, cameras, discussion panels, etc. engage all Catholic youth not just Catholic School students.
 - vii. Average 25 year old is not reading the Globe or The Pilot, they are online, how is RCAB reaching them?
 - viii. Let's communicate the archbishop's theme of evangelization, let's start using all our assets to get the message out.
 - ix. Regional communication may be the answer via broadcast email for young adult group containing news, issues, events, etc. (Mr. Shea commented that this is an area that needs to be developed)
 - x. The Pilot editorials are reactive vs. proactive
 - xi. APC membership and Communication Committee are conduits to the people in the pews, how may we help?

V. *Announcements - Father Art Coyle:*

- a. Two handouts (attached):
 - i. Membership Listing
 - ii. The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Committee Involvement as of 26 January 2006
- b. If any APC members have requests for agenda time please see Fr. Art or drop any SC member or the secretary an email requesting such, please provide the topic and requested time needed. Such requests will be discussed by the Steering Committee, and as agendas and time permit, will forward it to the Archbishop, as he "prepares / approves" the APC agendas.
- c. If any committee requires more time than the regularly allotted time please pass the request through committee liaison to the SC.

VI. *Closing Remarks: Archbishop Seán*

- a. Archbishop Seán commented that regional partnerships are being discussed.
- b. Archbishop Seán mentioned the fine efforts, long hours, and hard work of all those dedicated to the Archdiocese's commitment to fiscal transparency. Set to get under way in March there is still a lot of work in progress what with the situation of funds, operating budgets, and Corp Sole, etc.
- c. The Archbishop thanked Fr. Art for all his fine work, for his guidance in staffing the APC council well. A heartfelt thank you was extended to all APC members for their guidance and fine work.
- d. Archbishop Seán jokingly shared that the he does not accept any resignations of new members after their first APC meeting.
- e. Final Prayer was lead at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, 2 March 2006.

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MEMO TO APC MEMBERS

January 25, 2006

MEMORANDUM

To: APC Members
From: Parish Life and Leadership Committee
Re: Parish Pastoral Council Project

The Parish Life and Leadership Committee is undertaking a project to improve the status and functioning of parish pastoral councils.

The project will be done in three phases in the next two years –

- 1) Information gathering (through 2006) – Collect and organize information on the council situation in each of the parishes in the archdiocese
- 2) Analysis (January - June, 2007) – Review information to identify similarities and differences among councils and the range of possibilities for improving the situation.
- 3) Discussion and decisions (July - December, 2007) – Committee, and the APC generally, discuss new and/or revised rules, guidelines and policies and make recommendations to implement whatever seems best for parish councils.

In early February the Parish Life and Leadership Committee will formally ask for your help in gathering the information we need about each parish council. Sometime in the next two or three months we would like to receive, for each of your assigned parishes, responses to the questions on the enclosed survey form.

We want to keep the process of gathering this information as easy as possible. Thus, we have used both directed and open-ended questions. If we need to follow up with questions, we will do it. You can get the information, ideally, from a member of the parish pastoral council, but if necessary from the pastor or a member of the parish staff. The survey can be completed on the APC website – <http://apcboston.org> – or you can send it via email, regular mail or telephone to John Stewart. (John's APC term is over, but he has agreed to serve as "staff coordinator" for this project.)

Please go over the attached project description and survey form carefully and, in the next two weeks, send to John Stewart (stewnewton@comcast.net, 617 969 0950) any comments or suggestions you might have. Soon after that you will receive the final version of the survey, with specific instructions, and can proceed in gathering the necessary information.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Parish Life and Leadership Committee right away.

Thank you very much for your help. We will keep you informed on the progress of this project.

January 25, 2006

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
Parish Life and Leadership Committee

Parish Council Project

❖ Goals and schedule

The overriding goal is to improve the functioning of parish pastoral councils, to make them serious contributors to the success of each parish and integral parts of the structure of the archdiocese.

Our assumption is that the role of parish pastoral councils will become more critical, as bodies that: (a) represent the views and interests of all lay members of parishes; (b) serve as channels of communication between pastors, parish staff and parishioners and between parishioners and archdiocese officials (including the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council); and (c) provide both significant advice and helpful feedback to pastors, parish staff and ultimately to archdiocese officials, all of whom are responsible for making decisions about the range of matters of concern to the church.

The project will be undertaken in three major segments, between now and the end of 2008:

(a) Information gathering to identify the current condition or status of each council ("paint a picture of where we are") in terms of membership, mission or goals and specific functions. (Completion goal – December 31, 2006)

(b) Review and analyses of this information to determine the similarities and differences among pastoral councils in the archdiocese and the range of possibilities for improving the situation. (Completion goal – July 30, 2007)

(c) Discussion and decisions on changes that should be made and actions taken to implement whatever policies, guidelines and rules that should apply to parish pastoral councils. (Completion goal – December 31, 2007)

❖ Information gathering

The information will essentially come from three sources:

(a) The notes and submissions of APC members as they contact pastors and pastoral council members in their assigned parishes;

(b) Information submitted by people in each parish – members of pastoral councils, staff (e.g. business managers) and, where needed, pastors and/or vicars.

(b) Parish websites.

As APC members meet with pastors and parish council members as part of their contacts with their assigned parishes, we will ask them either to complete a survey form themselves or ask someone in each parish to complete it. The survey can be done either on the APC website, on paper and mailed or via email. The survey form is attached.

To gather and record this information, the following actions should be taken –

a) A memo (see attached) will be sent to all APC members asking them to gather and/or initiate the gathering of information on the councils in their assigned parishes.

b) The information should be sent to the committee coordinator (John Stewart) in one of three ways –

- via the APC website
- on paper, handwritten or typed, via regular mail
- via email

John Stewart will create an appropriate format for keeping it.

c) In addition to gathering the information from people in each parish, a systematic review will be done of parish websites for information on parish councils.

d) Our goal should be to have information on at least half of the parishes by July, 2006 and the other half by December 2006.

e) If by the middle of 2006 the gathering and recording of information seems to be proceeding smoothly and productively, an article on the project should be written for *The Pilot* and as much publicity as possible generated about our goals. This will hopefully have the effects of reinforcing the general commitment of the archdiocese to parish councils, making the gathering of information the next stages of the project a bit easier.

❖ Review and analyses

When information on the councils in most parishes has been gathered, a preliminary report of “findings:” should be prepared. This report should be the basis of a series of meetings with pastoral council leaders and members at which the information can be discussed and some kind of analysis undertaken.

❖ Discussion and decisions

Consideration might be given to creating small committees in each vicariate to review the information in detail and brainstorm about changes that might be considered, within the parameters of canon law, in the organization and functions of councils and in diocesan policies, guidelines and rules that should apply to parish councils.

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Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, Parish Life and Leadership Committee

**PARISH COUNCIL PROJECT
SURVEY FORM**

Background and introduction - The Parish Life and Leadership Committee is undertaking a project to improve the status and functioning of parish pastoral councils. The project will be done in three phases in the next two years. In the first phase (information gathering) we will collect and organize information on the council situation in each of the parishes in the archdiocese. The information will then be analyzed and discussed, and a report prepared with recommendations.

We want to keep the process of gathering information as easy as possible. Thus, we have prepared a survey form consisting of both directed and open-ended questions. You can complete the survey on line through the APC website – <http://apcboston.org>. Or you can send your information via email, regular mail or telephone to:

*John Stewart
23 Pierrepont Road
Newton MA 02462
jestewart@apcboston.org
617 969 0950*

Thank you very much for your help.

1) How were members of your current pastoral council selected?

- totally open election by all parishioners
- combination, election and appointments
- all appointments by pastor

2) Which of the following problems, if any, have been met in filling council seats?

- shortage of candidates (few volunteers)
- too many candidates, difficult choices
- competition for council positions

3) Are there special considerations relevant to the selection of council members?

- seats for geographic neighborhoods
- representation of reconfigured parishes

4) Is there a lay vice chair of the council?

- yes
- no

5) How is the vice chair chosen?

- selected by pastor
- open election by council members
- by pastor with council ratification

6) How are the agenda for meetings developed?

- totally by the pastor
- totally by the vice chair of the council
- mutually by pastor and vice chair

7) Who chairs the meetings of parish council?

- pastor
- vice chair
- meetings jointly chaired

8) What are the relationships, if any, between your pastoral and finance councils?

- no relationships, whatsoever
- occasional joint meetings
- informal exchanges of minutes, agenda
- formal communications and exchanges

9) What changes, if any, would you recommend in the status and functions of pastoral councils, both in terms of archdiocese rules and guidelines and the particular circumstances of your parish?

10) What particularly good things have been accomplished by your parish pastoral council?

11) To what extent has your pastoral council been involved in long-range parish planning?

12) Does your council serve a coordinating role for various parish ministries, commissions?

13) What do present pastoral council members hope to accomplish in the next year or two? Is there a written plan or statement of goals?

THE ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL *of the* **Archdiocese of Boston**

Membership Listing

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Most Rev. Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap. Archbishop of Boston

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Rev. Arthur M. Coyle Moderator of the Presbyteral Council

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as of 26 January 2006

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Suzanne Robotham

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*The Parish Life and Leadership Committee is in need of a Chairperson at this time.
John Stewart (former APC member) remains as an assistant to and research person for this Committee.*

APC Web-Team
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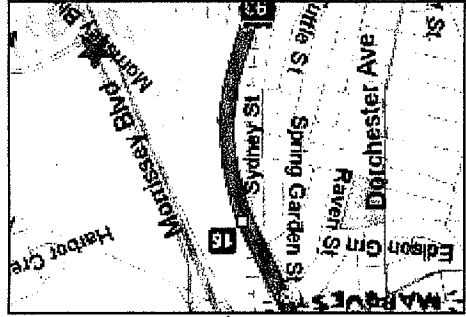
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 Traveling South on the S.E. Expressway, take Exit 15 (U.Mass./JFK Library). Take a left at the bottom of the ramp and go beyond the T stop. Take a right at the rotary to Morrissey Blvd. At the bottom of the hill, bear right onto U.Mass. Service Road. Continue on Service Road by the first traffic light (B.C. High is directly across Morrissey Blvd. at this point). At the second light take a left and make a U-turn onto Morrissey Blvd. Take the second entrance on the right into B.C. High.

From the South Shore:
 Take the S.E. Expressway North. Take Exit 14 onto Morrissey Blvd. through the set of lights to B.C. High. Take the second entrance on the right into B.C. High.

Hunter-Fahay Commons is accessed from the main entrance.

DIRECTIONS

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 Office for Pastoral Ministry - 617.779.3690
 Office of Religious Education - 617.746.5863

For further information, please contact one of the following:

WORKSHOPS WILL BE REPEATED

12:30 -	Arrival and Registration
1:15 -	Opening and Introduction
1:30 -	Keynote Address: Rev. Bryan Hehir
2:30 -	Workshops - Session I
3:30 -	Collation Break
4:00 -	Workshops - Session II
5:00 -	Reflection and Closing Prayer
6:00 -	Adjourn

SCHEDULE

Archdiocese of Boston

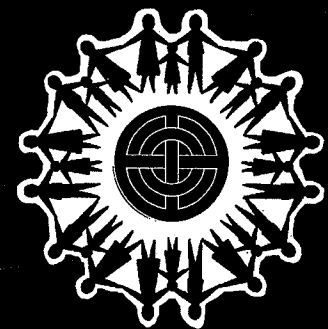
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Boston College High School

Sunday, March 19, 2006
 12:30 - 6:00 PM

Keynote Address: Rev. Bryan Hehir



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A - The JustFAITH Program

Introducing a very user-friendly formational program in Catholic social teaching for parishes based on the process of the RCIA. JustFAITH utilizes small faith communities, hands-on experience, prayer and spiritual formation, books, videos and guest speakers.

B - Welcoming the Stranger: the Question of Immigration

What are the root causes of immigration? How do we as Catholic Christians participate in the national debate and respond? How should parishes be involved?

C - Parish Social Justice Committee: Where do we start?

A panel discussion by experienced parishioners and staff.

D - Advocacy and Social Justice Resources

How does government work? How do we get involved? What are the available resources?

E - Incorporating Social Justice in Parish Life

Exploring opportunities in the liturgical year, religious ed programs and life-long formation, as well as outreach.

Presenters will include:

Kate Carter
Jan Denney
Rachel Keeler
Rev. Tom Massaro, SJ
Marjean Perhot
Bernie Swain and others

ALL WORKSHOPS WILL BE REPEATED

F - Catholic Social Teaching 101

A primer on this much overlooked essential of Catholic teaching and Tradition.

G - Social Justice and Family Life

How do we "bring it home"? How can families make decisions regarding time and money, involvement in the community, etc. that reflect Gospel values of love, mercy, reconciliation, simplicity?

H - The Spirituality of Justice

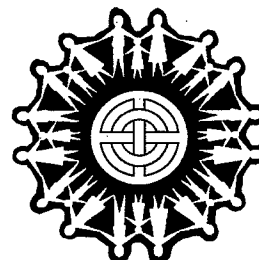
How does a commitment to social justice find a rootedness in our spiritual and prayer life?

J - Work and Social Justice

How do we as individuals and parish respond to those who are seeking gainful employment? How do we bring these values into the marketplace? What is our relation to the labor movement?

K - Social Justice and Other Faith Traditions

How is Catholic social teaching reflected in other faith traditions? How can the Church collaborate with Temple and Mosque to bring about peace and justice?



Who Should Attend?

In *Pacem in Terris*, Pope Paul VI wrote, "If you want Peace, work for Justice."

The whole Church, the whole parish, is called to work for justice,
so the message of our conference has relevance for all.

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Please indicate by letter which workshops you hope to attend: Session I _____ Session II _____

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