

Diocese of Fargo
Minutes of the Deans' General Meeting
Cardinal Muench Seminary, Fargo, North Dakota
Monday, September 28, 2009

1. Opening Prayer was offered by Bishop Aquila.
2. Attendance: Bishop Samuel Aquila, Msgr Joseph Goering, Very Reverend Dale Lagodinski, Very Reverend Jim Meyer, Very Reverend Phil Ackerman, Very Reverend Samuel Ezeibekwe, Very Reverend Dale Kinzler, Very Reverend James Gross, Very Reverend Al Bitz, Very Reverend Ross Laframboise. No one was absent.
3. Welcome to our new deans: Very Reverend James Meyer (Deanery II) and Very Reverend Ross Laframboise (Deanery VIII)
4. Minutes of the April 20, 2009 were reviewed and approved.
5. Bishop Aquila's comments:
 - a. The Roman Missal
 - i. Present status: the US Bishop's Conference is the last English speaking conference to approve the English translation. The Bishops will meet in November. It will be submitted to the Congregation.
 - ii. Please let your priests know to access the NCCB website regarding updates on the Roman Missal. There are resources or questions and answers about it. It may be printed and distributed.
 - iii. In January the education process will be implemented. It's up to the priests to provide preparation for parishioners. It's their responsibility. Priests need to read the materials and keep up to date on the information. It's very important to begin preparing people now.
 - iv. The new Roman Missal may be launched at Advent, 2010 or Lent, 2011.
 - v. A suggestion was made to have our spring education days be a preparation for priests. The preparation was to be at our present presbyteral days but our speaker had to cancel due to illness.
 - vi. There is a mandatory meeting of all the priests of the province on May 24-25. The USCCB is sponsoring this workshop and hosting them across the country.
 - b. "That Man Is You"
 - i. This program has been successful. There are 16 parishes or more that are participating in the program. It is helpful that registrations be done through the TMIY website. They send weekly e-mails and send information to those who miss a session.
 - ii. Registration: St Anne & Joachim's, Fargo had 160; St Mary's Cathedral had 40; Holy Spirit had over 60; St Philip's, Napoleon had close to 40; Little Flower, Rugby had 25 or more registered.
 - iii. TMIY will not let any new program begin until next September.
6. Other issues
 - a. Mandatory attendance of priests: Deans – check with priests that did not attend Presbytery Days.
7. Next meeting
 - a. Monday, November 9, 2009 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Fargo, ND
8. Meeting adjourned.
9. Closing Prayer offered by Bishop Aquila.

Respectfully submitted,
Fr Phil Ackerman