

Priest Council Meeting for the Diocese of Fargo
Minutes
Chieftain Hotel – Carrington, ND
May 2nd, 2011 -- Noon

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bishop Aquila, Msgr. Joe Goering, Fr. Jake Miller, Fr. Matthew Pamplaniyil, Fr. Len Loegering, Fr. Wenceslaus Katanga, Fr. Ross LaFramboise, Fr. Ray Courtright, Fr. Tim Johnson, Fr. Bill McDermott, Fr. Jim Goodwin, Fr. Bob Wapenski, Fr. Luke Meyer, Fr. Gary Luiten,

1. **Opening Prayer** – by Bishop Aquila
2. **Approval of April 15, 2011, Minutes** – tabled, since there was so much there, and were given out only just before the meeting.
3. **Standing Subcommittees**
 - a. **Continuing Education - Presbyteral days**
 - i. Fr. Courtright was wondering how we should move to Carrington for Presbyteral Days, and how we should go about this process. The room is big enough, Bishop says? Fr. Courtright says he asked, and they said yes. They can seat 130 (without tables), beginning this Fall.
 - ii. Fr. Cheney was wondering if there are enough non-smoking rooms available, since some of the rooms are smoky, even though the entire facility is supposed to be non-smoking.
 - b. **Pastor's Review Panel – (FYI only - Deans – No Formal Report)**
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Roman Missal Updates**
 - a. Fr. Luke has nothing new to add.
 - b. **Clergy Compensation in Special Circumstances (update)** Fr. Goodwin and Msgr. Goering are still working on that, but would like to table that for now.
 - c. **Priests in Residence Policy -**
 - a. Msgr. Goering went over changes first.
 - i. Open to review yearly or whenever a pastor changes assignment
 - ii. On retired priests, the text was added for retired priests.
 - iii. Under priests living with disabilities in rectories, financial, 3 or more daily Masses PER WEEK was added (not to confuse 3 or more Masses per day).
 - iv. Template was added at the end to draw up a written agreement.
 - b. Fr. Loegering asked if there was anything to prevent a pastor from overpaying a priest friend who is living with him – regarding any of the categories. Msgr. Goering said the priest is getting the compensation from outside the parish. Fr. Loegering said that it perhaps is included in the section which states “in accord with the priest’s compensation schedule.”
 - c. Fr. LaFramboise had a section on priests in residence, for “office hours.” He wanted to change it to “duties.” Msgr. Goering wanted to keep the office hours also. Bishop said that

“office hours” would be in his job description anyway. Msgr. Goering will modify the terminology.

- d. More discussion followed. Msgr. Goering will make changes accordingly.
 - i. Fr. Loegering moved that we accept the policy on priests in residence following the feedback of the priest council. Fr. Jake Miller seconded it.
 - ii. Fr. Johnson had a question on priest compensation.
 - iii. Motion carried.

d. Update on parish changes (chapels and Fargo area) – No update on the changes.

- 5. **New Business** – No new business.
- 6. **Bishop’s Comments** – None.
- 7. **Closing Prayer** – led by Bishop Aquila.
- 8. **Adjournment** – at 1pm.