

## ONGOING FORMATION FOR PRIESTS

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**Minutes of April 22, 2010, Lunchtime, CPC.**

**Present: Frs. Goetz, Meredith, Mikulcik, Okoro.**

The committee met to review the current schedule and to project possible topics for engagement as special events or with the schedule for 2012. The schedule for the remainder of 2010-2011 is as follows:

- **Presbyteral Day**—Thursday, September 9, 2010; CPC; NFPC Program Taxes and Retirement for Priests.
- **Priests' Social Gathering** is projected in the fall, particulars TBA.
- **Priests' Retreat**—October 25-29, 2010; MSJ Center; Most Reverend Blase Cupich, Bishop of Rapid City, SD, Retreat for Priests based on the Gospel of Luke.
- **Presbyteral Day**—Tuesday, November 23, 2010; CPC; Rev. Edward J. Griswold, D.Min.(Diocese of Trenton, NJ); Program on Homiletics.
- **Convocation 2011**— January 10-13, 2011; Lake Barkley State Resort Park; Diocesan Office of Worship: Presiding with the revised Roman Missal.
- **Lenten Day of Prayer for Priests** will be scheduled, particulars TBA.
- **Presbyteral Day**, Thursday, May 5, 2011; CPC; Fr. Ken Mikulcik and Dr. James Howard [earth sciences/geology] on Understanding issues of Energy, Food, Fuel, Climate & Stewardship.
- **Presbyteral Day**, Thursday, September 8, 2011; CPC; Local Implementations of USCCB directives (2008) “Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age,” and Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.”
- **Priests' Retreat**— October 24-28, 2011; MSJ Center; Retreat Master—Archabbot Lambert Reilly, O.S.B.
- **Presbyteral Day**, Tuesday, November 22, 2011; CPC; Fr. Thomas Ryan, USCCB Office of Ecumenism, consideration of ecumenical issues, challenges, opportunities. Fr. Ryan has an on-line course entitled: “Growing Together as Followers of Jesus.”

The committee reviewed ongoing formation financial data for 2009-2010. It is still our goal to cover program costs largely by fees. The following topics were suggested for further programming possibilities: “The Catholic Church in Asia”; “Wills, Adv. Directives, Durable Power of Atty. & Funeral Plans” as an addendum for September 9, 2010; “Immigration, Human Trafficking & Refugees”; “Human Life Issues” convocation (some particular focus on the death penalty); “The Catholic Conference of Kentucky”; Pornography & Pastoral Ministry; Exploration of the Church’s social ministries, caring for the least among us (perhaps presentations from the national and local St. Vincent de Paul Society—RM); “Issues of Church Ministries to Vulnerable Adults (boundaries, risks, guidelines, training). A past proposal suggested some program or other on Patristics. We present these for the consideration and response of the priests, the Priests’ Council and Bishop William Medley. Next Mtg: Lunch on Sept 9, 2010, CPC. Respectfully submitted—Rev. Richard Meredith, April 29, 2010