

NOCERCC REGION V REPORT ON CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky, 2010

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CONVOCATION: Convocation 2010—January 11-14, 2010; Lake Barkley State Resort Park; Fr. Gladstone H. (Bud) Stevens, S.S., Ph.D., academic dean at St. Patrick Seminary & University, Menlo Park, CA, theological and historical reflections on the Catholic priesthood.

PRESBYTERAL DAY WORKSHOPS:

Presbyteral Day, Thursday, April 15, 2010; CPC; Diocesan Office of Worship—Pastoral preparation for and education about the new edition of the Roman Missal [see: www.usccb.org/liturgy/missalformation].

Presbyteral Day—Thursday, September 9, 2010; CPC; NFPC Program Taxes and Retirement for Priests.

Presbyteral Day—Tuesday, November 23, 2010; CPC; Rev. Edward J. Griswold, D.Min.(Diocese of Trenton, NJ); Program on Homiletics.

DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT

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.

CONTINUING EFFORTS & LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Convocation 2011— January 10-13, 2011; Lake Barkley State Resort Park; Diocesan Office of Worship: Presiding with the revised Roman Missal.

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. (Fr. Ken Mikulcik presented the early edition of his work (05/05/11) to the committee which recommended further issues, questions, and clarifications.)

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,”

SUGGESTED PROGRAMS/TOPICS:

[1] Hosting Most Rev. Neil Tiedemann, CP, Bishop of Mandeville, Jamaica, WI, renewing the bonds between our dioceses. [2] Patrology studies for resourcing ministry today. [3] Consideration of participating in the Catholic Leadership Institute.

SABBATICALS: No priests are on sabbatical at the present time. Two are pending.

CLERICAL LIFE AND MINISTRY GROUP: The group is not functioning at the present time.

CHARTER & NORMS 2010 COMPLIANCE REPORT:

As a presbyterate we continue to examine issues challenging the Roman Catholic priesthood and our presbyterate. Convocation 2010 with Fr. Gladstone Stevens, SS, focused on the theology/history of the priesthood and the challenges we face. The 2010 diocesan priests' retreat featured Bishop Blase Cupich, who has oversight of national compliance with the USCCB Charter and Norms. Bishop Cupich reflected with the participating priests and Bishop Medley at different points in the retreat on his experiences in his national role.