

**Agenda for 12-13-95 meeting - 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

**6:30- 6:33 - Opening Prayer**

**6:33-6:35 - Read Agenda , write own notes**

**6:35- 7:00 - Review / evaluate 11-19 -95 community meeting**

**7:00-7:15 Review role of each member and length in that role**

**-Old Matters : 7:15- 8:00**

**-Punctuality**

**-Contributions**

**-New youth leader - Our involvement/participation in the Youth Program**

**- Letter informing the diocese and the director of the Haitian apostolate of our existence**

**-Length of Liturgy - Is there a need for a liturgical committee?**

**-New matters - 8:00- 8:15**

**Forming and Informing Ourselves regarding church related issues**

**8:15-8:25 - Agenda for next meeting**

**8:25-8:30 - closing Prayer**

**Basic Faith Formation Training at Immaculate Conception , Everett**

**Main Objectives:**

- \* Provide a basic overview of the meaning of the Liturgy (mass)
- \* Provide reflective sessions on Sundays' Gospels
- \* Basic Faith Learning

Agenda for the First Session

**Saturday October 25th, 5:30- 7:00**

1. Prayer - Read scriptural and reflective texts related to *Love*
  2. Read - *Why Read* - Some thoughts on why on should read?
  3. Read- Characteristics of the Catholic Church (one page of 7 points)
  4. Go over the Creole Alphabet
  5. Read Pages 1-7 in Creole regarding *New Evangelization Concept*
  6. Read and Reflect on Today's Gospel -- Mark 10: 46-52
  7. **Announce Homework** (Hand outs from French Book -What the Pope said about Prayer)
    - a) Write in your own words the different types of prayers from the handout *What the Pope said about Prayer* - Go over all the hand outs that were distributed
    - b) Read the first 10 chapters of Mark- Write down all the different titles that are given to Jesus and what verses you got them from. Write questions, remarks, things that are not clear to you.
- | Title             | Who gave that title                | chapter: | Verses |
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| Fils du Très Haut | Un homme possédé d'un esprit impur |          | 5:7    |
8. Closing Prayer: Psalms 1:1-5
  9. Oral Feedback ( Evaluation will be in writing in future sessions)
  10. Next time bring a Bible, a notebook, a pen or pencil, a folder and anything else that may help you keep the materials.

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### Rationale for Pastoral Training for Haitian Lay Ministers

Given the demographic and ministerial changes that are occurring in the Church, as well as the active involvement of lay workers, a systematic understanding of the fundamentals of pastoring is vital to the active Haitian lay members.

The Haitian ministry had seen an increasing participation of laity giving their time and energy to the betterment of the Community. However, the lack of theoretical knowledge on ecclesial issues or how to interact and relate in a pluralistic ecclesiastic community had caused many negative feelings. It has even precipitated members to leave committees and sometimes the Church. This phenomenon is in contradiction with the Church's visions.

Many Haitian lay workers because of their work schedules, family responsibilities, prayer meetings, liturgical commitments, previous and traditional ways of being involved in group or community works in Haiti, language issues, and ultimately due to financial constraints, can not attend classes, course works, conferences and other training programs that the diocese or local higher institutions provide.

The New York based National Center of the Haitian Apostolate (NCHA) has been holding conferences since 1982 in various cities in the US including Boston. A pastoral college that provides two year systemic training to lay ministers started in 1988 and had positive results - ordination of at least ten Haitian permanent deacons and a significant number of Haitian priests. Lay alumni from the *Pastoral College* are going around the country training others. In contrast, no formal training, courses or seminars geared to Haitian lay workers had been locally offered in the last three decades. Except for the diocese's parish council conferences that have been occurring for the last several years, no time or forum to systemically reflect on issues of the Church in general had been provided in the Haitian ministry. Moreover, not everyone attends those diocese wide parish conferences. Therefore, some pastoral training for Haitians in the Boston area is recommended. Lay and/or religious leaders from the NCHA or Haitian theologians from Haiti can provide seminars on Youth Ministry, Leadership, Interpersonal skills, Liturgy, Sacraments, Spirituality, etc. Such training will require some expenses which will be detailed when the Haitian ministry agree to this idea and prospective trainers are contacted.

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As of March 2001, a day long seminar on "The Role of the Laity" and a two hour session on "Social Mission of the Church" occurred on April and September 2000 respectively at Our Lady of Pity. The youth leader trainers from New York were contacted in 1999. After numerous conversations, the Parish Committee, an adhoc Parish Council decided that it was too expensive to spend the \$300.00 that two youth ministry trainers asked. They wanted to rent a mini-van, so they could bring five adolescents from New York as examples for the activities. The presenters were planning to have sessions in liturgical and non-liturgical settings with the youth, their parents and the adults who minister to them. Lodging was not an issue. Committee members would have hosted them.

The numbers who attend Archdiocese's Parish Council convention have increased over the years, from one, to four, to eleven. Eighteen (18) from Cambridge are expected to attend this week's. However, only two Haitians in the entire Boston Haitian ministry attended the Catechetical Conference on autumn 2000, a lay person from Cambridge and another lay from Brockton. Apparently that gathering had not been widely disseminated among the Haitian laity since its inception.

