

#1. After attending the Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA) Development Institute, I put the knowledge and network I gained there to use on my own campus, and presented a summary to my colleagues within the Diocese of Erie. Our campuses began to think more about advancement as a result of my initial efforts.

## **Development Presentation:**

*Clarion Campus Ministry &  
2004 CCMA Development Institute  
August 26, 2004 Meeting of Diocesan Campus Ministers*

Premise: People are looking for opportunities to support the particular efforts of Catholic campus ministry:

### Evidence:

- The university. If not the formal administration, then certainly many members of the university community. Many know that the university really does mean the conveyance of universal truths; that is to say, placing concerns for faith alongside the pursuit of professional knowledge and development. This may be considered to be the “missing piece” of an overall picture that includes professional and social development. Maybe the university is not equipped to do this itself because of church-state issues and relies on outside support to bring this about. Even if the university seeks an explicit connection between the two, many people with connection to the university would support faith formation within community as a unique opportunity for stewardship. Anyone with experience in the area of development would honestly acknowledge this.
- Parents. They know what’s at stake better than anyone, since they are stakeholders in the development of their greatest treasure: their children. Even if many parents may leave their children to the care of another, thinking of us as caretakers as they go about other concerns, we are literally entrusted by them with the spiritual care and formation of their children. Many parents who understand our ministry support it any way they can, if they are invited to do so. Some support this ministry even if they do not understand its implications or the implications of their own involvement, if they are invited to do so.
- Alumni. They either know what was beneficial about our ministry or their involvement in it, or they know what was deficient in their experience and would support just about any initiative which advances the faith formation of students. Think about all the students we have touched through leadership conferences, intercollegiate rallies, or the recent Awakenings initiative. By themselves these events touched the lives of maybe twenty

#2. I was invited by CCMA to share with the membership of the national association our campus' efforts to make the ministry more intentional. We were not satisfied with a bare-bones least common denominator approach to serving such an important function in the community. I'm grateful my colleagues recognized our efforts to involve stakeholders in every level of the ministry. A thoughtful attitude of abundance permeated the ministry, and that attracted the best people to help out. CCMA fostered that attitude in me, and I hope I passed that along to my colleagues.

## ***Empowered by the Spirit: A Reflection on Twenty Years of Application at Clarion University of Pennsylvania***

The Catholic campus ministry program for Clarion University of Pennsylvania has relied on *Empowered by the Spirit* as part of the process of determining the unique needs of Catholic members of the university community. It has also been an informal tool for evaluating whether our program matches up with the expectations of the larger church. While it has been twenty years since the letter was written by the US bishops, it continues to offer a helpful structure for self-reflection.

In its efforts to proclaim the Gospel to all nations, the Church must be engaged with pluralistic elements in society. This can be seen, in a unique way, in campus ministry programs at non-Catholic and state-run colleges and universities. At times, the efforts of campus ministry have been as basic as students meeting in the homes of supportive Catholic families. At other times, associations of individual Newman Clubs have banded together to support the promotion of Catholic faith and values in the face of secularism, misunderstanding, or hostility. Today, we have a strong national association of those engaged in campus ministry, which is particularly helpful to those of us ministering at state colleges and universities. The history of campus ministry in the United States shows, in many ways, that a long relationship exists between the church and higher education.

To promote that relationship, our program has supported cooperative efforts among the other campus ministry programs of the Diocese of Erie. By pooling resources and personnel we have been able to offer leadership training, introductory and Ignatian-style retreats, and larger theme-based intercollegiate gatherings of students and leaders. We are lucky in our diocese and in this particular ministry to have the support of our local bishop. Campus ministers are not the only ones who need to stay in touch with this pastoral letter. These relationships, along with significant connections with the academic and interfaith communities on campus, have helped to establish campus ministry as an integral component of the university experience.

Challenges are no less real or significant today than they were twenty years ago. Even as we try to build community on campus, we still see the "mild estrangement" caused by many types of alienation. Students still experience a normal alienation from family and friends when they leave home, but there is more significant alienation between those who practice their faith and those who are wrapped up in the secular and relativistic aspects of our culture. Many of us experience an alienation in ourselves because of the influence of materialism. Advances in technology and communication have moved us ahead, but we are often dealing with students who stay in their rooms to experience on-line communities, or who chat on their phones with a limited circle of friends as they walk to and from class. Sometimes we also see disconnections between faculty, departments, and decision-makers on campus. As an alternative, we offer students a variety of experiences of community through a curriculum-based Newman

#3. Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities (FADICA) hosted this interaction between the next generation of family foundation members and non-profit startups. CCMA sponsored my attendance.

## FUTURE FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP VENTURE SUMMER INSTITUTE 2005

JULY 6-9, 2005 - WASHINGTON, DC



### WEDNESDAY

WELCOME RECEPTION

### THURSDAY

DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP IN THE  
PHILANTHROPIC & NONPROFIT WORLDS

### FRIDAY

FOSTERING PHILANTHROPIC  
RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE FOUNDATION  
AND WITH THE CHURCH

### SATURDAY

A LOOK AT THE FUTURE OF U.S.  
CATHOLICISM

### *“Why I wish to attend The Future Foundation Leadership Venture Summer Institute 2005”*

#### Background

I became the Catholic Campus Minister at Clarion University of Pennsylvania almost four years ago. Clarion University is part of the State System of Higher Education. At that time, the income to support our operations consisted of a small quarterly allotment from the Diocese of Erie, as well as a weekly collection at the university student liturgy. There was very little that was new or engaging with regard to programs and services and no planned or deliberate catechesis or theological investigation. Additional funding was not available from the diocese.

It was clear to board members, students, parents, alumni, and myself that if this was to be considered a viable ministry that there would have to be an expansion of outreach and educational offerings. Within a year of revitalizing programs we realized that we needed a facility to support the theological, research, and socialization needs of university students and staff within a Catholic context. With a very limited budget, we began a basic fundraising effort which concluded with the purchase and renovation of a property across from campus which has met all our needs.



## Portfolio Artifacts:

Director of Campus Ministry  
Diocese of Erie

#4. Pictured here with FADICA family foundation and non-profit start-up attendees, following a meeting with the White House Office of Faith Based Initiatives Director Jim Towey.



**Young Catholic Philanthropists Prepare for the Future: WASHINGTON (CNS) --** Two dozen young adults who work or plan to work in the Catholic philanthropic world gathered at Georgetown University July 7-9 for a summer institute of the Future Foundation Leadership Venture. "We're trying to plant some important seeds for the future of our foundations and our church as it looks to the leaders of the future. We have some extraordinary people here," said Francis J. Butler, president of FADICA, in an introductory talk. FADICA -- Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities -- is the association of Catholic-oriented philanthropic groups that organized the leadership program and the institute. The young people, most in their 20s or 30s, included several leaders in nonprofit organizations that rely on foundations to support their work, but most were members of families that have created philanthropic foundations to benefit Catholic activities.



# Portfolio Artifacts:

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#5. I asked then-Cardinal McCarrick: "How will the unfolding abuse crisis impact the next generation of Catholic philanthropy?"

**SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2005**

**A LOOK AT THE FUTURE OF U.S. CATHOLICISM**

**8:30 AM Georgetown University**

*President's Room*

**Morning Prayer: The Georgetown Center for Liturgy**

**9:00 AM A Look At the Future of U.S. Catholicism**

**Moderator: Denise M. Hattler**

**Chair, FADICA**

**President, The Loyola Foundation**

- Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington  
*A View of Our Church in the Future and What We Are Doing Now To Prepare for It*

He replied: "Priests always ask the toughest questions."



Cardinal Says Faith, Poverty, and Interfaith Relations Challenge Church: WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Key challenges the church will be facing in years to come are in the areas of faith, poverty and interreligious dialogue, Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington said July 9. "Faith is the greatest problem we have to face. We are living in a world where faith is being taken for granted, or faith is being redefined, or faith is a cafeteria faith," he said. "People are deciding what is the faith and what is not the faith." He called poverty, at home and abroad, a major challenge to all those who take Catholic social teaching seriously. Lack of interreligious understanding today is behind "some of the most difficult problems of the world," he said. Cardinal McCarrick spoke on the closing day of a July 7-9 summer institute for young Catholic adults who are beginners in philanthropy or planning to become engaged in family philanthropies in coming years.

#6. Member on the CCMA committee to plan our Regional Conference.

## ***2006 Northeast Regional Conference Planning Committee December 17, 2004***

Only the second set of regional conferences for CCMA

### **Committee members:**

Fr. Marty Moran, Fr. Louis Manzo, Magdalene Riggins(PCCMA), Fr. Jim Faluszczyk, Mary Humenay(Ithaca), Mary Matunis-chair

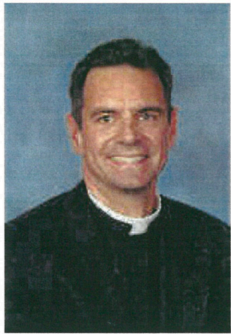
- I. Welcome / Introductions / Prayer
- II. Conference Goals & Overarching Plan
  - Conference sometime January – October 2006
  - Affordable; each (6) region stay within a similar budget range
  - Guarantee CCMA \$45 per person; \$325 & \$425 per person total
  - Named speaker; then workshops to follow (offered by folks in the region)
  - 2-night conference, within driving distance for everyone
  - 60-100 attendees
- III. Overall Topic: “Forming the Faith Community”
  - refining theme for our region
  - Read Document!
  - headliner(s)
- IV. NE Conference Specific Plans
  - dates: Oct. 24, 25, 26 Tues.-Thurs.
  - place: Hotel Hershey
  - budget:
    - \$27,000 accommodations, food, supplies, publicity
    - \$3,000 left
    - \$15,000 in scholarships
    - \$5,000 budget to begin
    - Committee can solicit donations, sponsors, vendors
  - subcommittees
    - liturgy
    - hotel
- V. Questions?
- VI. Next Call:
  - Around 1/20/05



#7. After suggesting Fr. Scott Detisch of my own diocese as a conference speaker, I was tasked with coordinating with Bill Huebsch who presented to our members on whole-community catechesis



### Northeastern Regional Conference Rev. Scott Detisch, Ph. D.



Rev. Scott P. Detisch, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York. His area of specialty is sacramental theology. Fr. Detisch lived and taught for a dozen years at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania, and assisted in the campus ministry office.

Fr. Detisch is a priest of the Diocese of Erie, Pennsylvania. He served in parish ministry for several years before entering into education ministry. He earned his B.A. from Gannon University, his Masters in Divinity at Christ the King Seminary and his doctorate in systematic theology from Duquesne University.

Recent  
Publications  
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### Northeastern Regional Conference Bill Huebsch

Bill Huebsch holds a BA in religious studies and a Masters in Theological Studies from the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago. He served five years each as diocesan administrator in the dioceses of Crookston and New Ulm, both in Minnesota, and for many years as DRE in a suburban Minneapolis parish.

In 1990 he established the Vatican II Project which contributes to the effort being made within the Church to keep alive the spirit and energy of Vatican II. As part of that project, he published *Vatican II in Plain English*, in 1995, along with several other books outlining key features of the council.

In 2000 he established the Whole Community Catechesis project, aimed at helping parishes and dioceses around the world implement the General Directory for Catechesis. As part of that project, he published *The GDC in Plain English* and *Whole Community Catechesis in Plain English*, *The Pastor's Guide to WCC*, along with other books, support materials, articles, and presentations.



#8. I assisted with planning the Catholic Campus Ministry Association presence for the 2006 United States Catholic Conference of Bishops fall meeting, and award presented by Bishop Gainer to Cardinal Keeler.

Bishop's Reception Planning  
September 26, 2006  
Conference Call

## Summary/Minutes

On the call: Paul Breaux, Dee Bernhardt, Marty Moran, Jim Faluszczyk

Dee provided the group with an overview of our meeting with the bishops. Ed's deacon was instrumental in the work of many communities in regard.

Campus ministry was relegated to fringe activity. Campus ministry has enjoyed much growth and recognition. Campus ministry becomes the first area to be cited in notable instances.

In the recent past, a campus ministry reception was held at meetings. This event was co-sponsored by the National Catholic Campus Ministry Association (NADDCM & NCSC). At this reception, the budget for the event was over budget. Some budget overages. The amount of money for several initiatives of the organization, the budget has become tighter since the end of the year and NCSC, have led to a scaling back of the event organized by the Church Relations Committee.

This year, the event is scheduled to take place at the Bishops' Fall Meeting.

Exemplary programs reception brought to move that presentation to the national level at the bishop's breakfast. It was decided to move the event with the hope that recognition of the bishop's breakfast.

The challenge is to organize an engaging presentation would center on development of campus ministry.



## MEMO

**To:** All USCCB Bishop Members

**From:** Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L.  
*Episcopal Moderator, Catholic Campus Ministry Association*

**Date:** October 23, 2006

**Re:** Campus Ministry Breakfast Honoring Cardinal Keeler

Please join me in honoring His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, at a breakfast reception sponsored by the Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA) on **Monday, November 13, at 7:30am** at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront. This event will immediately follow the Eucharistic Liturgy scheduled for 7am.

Join us in honoring Cardinal Keeler in the Premier See of Baltimore for his noteworthy support of Campus Ministry. Those who worked with The Cardinal in his home diocese of Harrisburg as well as national leaders in campus ministry will speak of the impact of campus ministry, even in the face of diminishing diocesan resources. A development model of campus ministry will be briefly presented that offers bishops a vision of how this ministry can grow from existing resources and initiatives with alumni whom this ministry has served.

The health-conscious sit-down breakfast includes fresh scrambled eggs, roasted vegetables and goat cheese, chicken apple sausage, roasted red potatoes, and beverages. Please check the Schedule of Events for the location of the breakfast reception when you arrive in Baltimore.

To reserve your place at this exciting event, please contact Howard Binzer at the Catholic Campus Ministry Association at [binzer@ccmanet.org](mailto:binzer@ccmanet.org) or 888/ 714-6631. **Please RSVP by Monday, November 6.**





## #9. Discussion with diocesan colleagues re: development of a Campus Ministry Curriculum

### **Curriculum for Campus Ministry: Contents**

Characteristics of the social group (the perspectives of culture, communities, church, profession, and peer group):

- Census & Demographic Material
- CARA studies on church and culture
- University Fact Book
- Communities producing the subjects of this curriculum/Communities affected by this curriculum:
  - Clarion Borough/County
  - Western PA
  - National considerations
  - International considerations
- Support of the ministry by the local community, parents, alumni, and benefactors
- Expectations of the church
  - e.g. knowledge base, active participation, stewardship, leadership, etc
- Theology Standards or standards of theological inquiry
- CCMA Standards for Campus Ministry
- Consideration of the postmodern culture
- The implied or hidden curriculum: What would Newman say about this?

Characteristics of the student to be educated:

- CARA studies on the characteristics of students
- University Fact Book
- Defining the needs and characteristics of students
- Developmental stages of students (intellectual and moral)
- Relevant cognitive theories
- Defining the need met by theological education
- Catechesis and critical thinking skills

A Philosophy of Theological Education for Higher Education at a public university:

- Governing documents of Catholic Campus Ministry
  - Mission Statement
  - Constitution
  - Empowered by the Spirit
  - Canonical considerations
  - Other Church documents
- The Idea of a University
- Bernard Lonergan: Theological Method/Functional Specialties
- The role of catechesis: strengths and limitations
- Theological Reflection: Critical reflection on praxis
- Pluralism and relativism on campus: how do we approach this?
- Catholic Identity

#10. I was in regular communication with diocesan officials, here preparing for the annual meeting with Bishop Trautman and campus ministers in the Erie Diocese.

## Meeting with Nick Rouch

Why phone: maximizing visits to Erie (time and gas).

I have a lot of ground to cover, but I'd rather hear your perspective on things.

Your sense of where campus ministry fits in:

Challenges

Hopes

## Annual campus ministers meeting with Bishop

Mary Drexler initiative; difficult to schedule

Purpose: to keep CM issues and initiatives before the bishop

Tends to be repetitive: evangelicals, polarization in the church

Propose: yearly meeting with bishop and Nick, seek input from cm's

## Collaboration with youth and young adult ministry

WTU program

Opportunities with diocesan office

## Personnel issues

Deacon Jerry Beeman

Deacon Bob Ball

Clergy Personnel

Mark Hoffman

Dan Arnold (Transitional issues, accountability with regard to time)

Mercyhurst director

## Budgeting issues

Disparity among the principal campuses with regard to diocesan funding

Budget surplus last year

## Reporting

End of year

Financial

Quarterly cash flow

Quarterly balance sheet

Quickbooks and training

## Site visits

Informal (Gannon, Mercyhurst, Allegheny, Edinboro)

*NB: I have 200+ supporting documents from my tenure as Diocese of Erie Director of Campus Ministry, and liaison to the Catholic Campus Ministry Association.*