BISHOP JOHN S. CUMMINS, INSTITUTE
For CATHOLIC THOUGHT, CULTURE AND ACTION

Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2012

MINUTES

Present: Brother Charles Hilken, FSC, chair; Bishop John S. Cummins, Kara Boatman, Jane Camarillo, Marshal Caro, Richard Carp, Jeanne DeMatteo, Scott Kier, Marie Lawler, Sue Marston, Marshall Welch, Roy Wensley, Brother Martin Yribarren, Brother Michael Murphy – guest, Sally Jamison, Administrative Assistant

Brother Charles started the group in prayers from Nicholas Hutchinson, Walk in My Presence, Vol. 2.

Discussion:

Brother Charles introduced Dr. Shawn Copeland, scheduled Cummins’ speaker for the Wednesday, March 14 lecture on campus, “Who is My Neighbor?”. Dr. Copeland is Associate Professor, systematic Theology at Boston College. Shawn shared her sabbatical project with the members as an introduction to a discussion.

Finance Report:

Scott Kier passed out documents of the current financial statement, the proposed budget for 2013 and a memorandum from the Finance Committee. Scott answered questions from the members about the 3% decrease in the 2013 budget based on anticipated earnings from the various endowments.

The question of eliminating funding for Collegium was questioned. Carole Swain suggested that Brother Ronald and Beth Dobkin share support and also direct invitation to new faculty and possibly graduate students. The information could be incorporated into New Faculty Orientation.
Kara Boatman suggested talking to departments as well as talking to the Provost Council of Deans about Collegium participation.

Roy Wensley proposed that the Cummins Institute focus more on public events to enhance community. He pointed out that the Collegium experience does not integrate scholarship. It is a focus of the Catholic intellectual tradition in a spiritual way, a formation experience.

There was a motion to adopt the proposed 2013 budget. The motion was passed and seconded.

**New Business:**

Bishop Cummins clarified that it is Archbishop Sanchez-Sorondo who will be the Montini Fellow on October 24, 2012. Archbishop Marchetto is scheduled to visit in January, 2013. Sorondo has been in contact with the Diocese. The Archbishop also received two letters, one from Brother Ron and one from the Diocese, as invitations to visit.

Bishop Cummins also spoke about two other events – a Mass on August 22, 2012 and a symposium on September 9, also this year.

Brother Charles and Sally gave an update on the upcoming *Veritas* publication. The Volume 4, No. 2 edition is scheduled to go to press within one week.

Richard Carp opened an invitation to the Institute members interested in working on the intersection of the Catholic tradition and efforts at sustainability.

The next reading for discussion will be "The Christian Idea of Man" by Josef Pieper. Brother Charles has ordered books for the membership.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

**Next Meeting:** 10 April, 2012