

Diocesan Pastoral Council

Humboldt - Del Norte Deanery

Minutes

January 27, 2007

St. Mary Church, Arcata

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman, Harry Johnson.

Present: Phil Minor, Harry Johnson, Lou and Pat Bull, Nancy Lawrence, Gina and Dennis Costa, Jim Dimmick, Genoveva Gomez, and Alan Sandoval, a guest.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with the following corrections:

A) The Life Cycles program at Sacred Heart Church began with 114 families enrolled.

B) There is no Hispanic prayer group at St. Mary Church, as reported in the minutes.

2. Announcements: Sr. Pat Carson and Loretta Speziale are recovering from surgery.

3. Alan Sandoval is an active member of the Hispanic community at Sacred Heart Parish. He explained his background as an immigrant to this country and his involvement with the church throughout his life. He expressed concerns about the Hispanic community, especially with the many Catholic youth who are not attending Mass.

Several members offered suggestions of how to address issues which may be keeping youth away. Gina and Dennis Costa volunteered to meet privately with Alan to explore issues and possible solutions.

4. Harry Johnson briefly discussed the need for brevity and consistency in the parish reports given at our meetings. He offered to send via e-mail a suggested outline for reports.

5. Parish Reports :

A) Arcata - Jim Dimmick reported that the dinner for Bishop Walsh on November 3, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, was a successful affair. Also, a fund raising dinner at the Baywood Country Club for the St. Mary Elementary School was a big success. He invited everyone to attend the K. of C. Crab Feed on February 3rd at St. Mary Church.

B) Eureka - Sacred Heart - Gina and Dennis reported that the “Life Cycles” program is doing well and now has over 200 families participating. The parish does not now have a Parish Council; however, the Parish Finance Committee has been reorganized and is functioning well.

Genoveva reported that the parish Hispanic community is doing well with its various functions, but unfortunately, there continues to be a small group of people who bring forth complaints and criticisms.

C) McKinleyville - Hispanic community: Nancy Lawrence reported that the Hispanic group had a large turn out for the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. There was a good response for the Feast of Three Kings, as well. In addition, a dialogue has been started with

Fr. McPherson to have a Spanish Mass.

D) Hoopa - Pat Bull reported that since Sr. Pat Carson’s surgery on January 25, 2007, Sr. Ilene, from Sr. Pat’s order, is filling in for her in Hoopa and has been very well received.

Pat Bull also mentioned the following up-coming events: March 18th, Sr. Pat’s Annual Dinner; April 21st, Annual rummage Sale; May 6th, Cinco de Mayo celebration; May 13, three young people will be receiving First Communion.

E) Eureka - St. Bernard - Harry Johnson and Phil Minor reported on the Vespers and Eastern Rite Mass services given by Fr. David Anderson (Ukiah) on January 12 & 13. It was also noted that Fr. Anderson will be giving a lecture series at St. Joseph-Fortuna on “The Early Church Fathers”, in February.

Harry further reported that he spoke with Fr. Loren Allen (St. Bernard) briefly about the deanery collaborating with the parish in sponsoring some adult education activities, which would be open to any parishioners in the area. Fr. Allen indicated a strong desire to continue some sort of adult education activities into the coming year. Phil will follow up on this discussion with Fr. Allen.

6. Lou Bull and Phil Minor reported that the election results were in for the latest revision of the DPC Constitution and Bylaws. The revisions were passed, with no negative votes cast. However, Bishop Walsh has requested that certain items in the revised version be discussed at the next DPC Executive Board meeting, for clarification.

7. Phil Minor reported that the Executive Board is continuing to develop the agenda for the DPC Plenary Session to be held March 31, 2007, in Ukiah. All members were urged to plan to attend.

8. Lou Bull distributed the final draft of the report of the Committee on Lay Leadership Training. This training proposal was presented to Bishop Walsh and the DPC Executive Board on December 2, 2006.

9. Lou Bull reported that there has been some discussion with Yvette Fallandy concerning the possibility of the DPC Executive Board holding a meeting in Humboldt County. A discussion followed about where would be the best place to hold such a meeting. Phil Minor suggested that if the entire Executive Board could not come to Humboldt County, the H-DN Deanery should invite Yvette to attend one of our deanery meetings.

10. Harry Johnson confirmed that he and his wife would be relocating to Minnesota in March. Nominations were solicited for a new deanery chairperson and Dennis Costa accepted the nomination. He was elected by unanimous ballot.

The next deanery meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at

St. Mary Church, Arcata

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.