

Diocesan Pastoral Council  
Humboldt - Del Norte Deanery  
Minutes  
March 24, 2007  
St. Mary Church, Arcata

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman, Dennis Costa.  
Present: Phil Minor, Nancy Lawrence, Gina and Dennis Costa, Jim Dimmick, and Loretta Speziale

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

A) The Sr. Ilene is helping Sr. Pat Carson (Hoopa) with her recovery from surgery.

3. Parish Reports :

A) Arcata - Jim Dimmick reported there was a good turnout of 107 people for the Annual Crab Feed. Seven R.C.I.A. participants are expected to initiation rites at Easter Vigil and 21 people will be receiving First Communion on May 13, 2007. The "Pennies from Heaven" program will be featuring a breakfast with the Easter Bunny as a fund raising event.

B) Eureka - Sacred Heart - Gina and Dennis reported that the "Life Cycles" program continues to do well. Three people will be receiving rites of initiation at Easter.

A new social and fund raising group has been formed called "Love In Kinship" (LINK). Their first endeavor was a corned beef and cabbage dinner, complete with entertainment by an Irish Dance troop. Over 200 people attended. The parish website has been streamlined and is being very well received by parishioners. (visit [www.sacredheartweb.org](http://www.sacredheartweb.org)) The site has several interesting links, including 6 Catholic radio stations.

C) McKinleyville - Hispanic community: Nancy Lawrence reported that the Hispanic prayer group continues to grow, with an average attendance of about 35. A combined music group from Eureka and Fortuna is providing music every week. Five people from one family will be receiving initiation rites at Easter. Nancy also announced that the Third Annual Hispanic Congress will be held at the Humboldt county Fairgrounds in Ferndale. All parishioners are welcome at this diocese-wide event.

D) Eureka - St. Bernard - Phil Minor reported that he spoke with Fr. Loren Allen (St. Bernard) briefly about the H-DN Deanery Assembly's willingness to assist, in a support capacity, with adult education activities which may be sponsored by the

parish during the coming year. Such programs would, of course, be open to any parishioners in the area. Fr. Allen indicated a strong desire to continue some sort of adult education activities. Discussions are still underway.

Phil reported that the parish has had some success in generating interest in parish activities through advertising in the local media.

4. After a brief discussion concerning communication within the parishes of our deanery, Phil Minor made a motion that the Deanery Assembly assist via e-mail in distributing announcements among the parish representatives, and thence to the parishioners, when events are held for the Catholic community at large. The motion was carried. Dennis Costa and Phil Minor will attempt to facilitate this process.

5. Phil Minor reported on the DPC Executive Board meeting of February 3, 2007, highlighting the following three items: 1) Bishop Walsh announced that all funds lost by parishes and schools within the diocese during the financial debacle of the late 1990's has now been repaid. 2) The DPC Constitution and Bylaws are being translated into Spanish and will soon be made available. 3) The Executive Board is completing the final arrangements for the Annual Plenary Session to be held in Ukiah on March 31, 2007. All Representatives are urged to attend.

6. Ridesharing to the Plenary Session was briefly discussed. It appears at least seven Representatives of the H-DN Deanery will be attending.

The next deanery meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Arcata.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.