

DEANERY 6
JOINT CLERGY & STAFF MEETING MINUTES
St. John Vianney Parish
Sept. 11, 2009

ATTENDEES:

Five Wounds (FW): Fr. Don Morgan, Fr. Antonio Reis

Holy Cross (HC): Fr. Firmo Mantovani

Most Holy Trinity (MHT): Fr. Eduardo Samaniego, SJ, Sr. Mary Peter, Thess A.

St. Bro. Albert (SBA): Fr. Andrew Salapata

St. Francis of Assisi (SFOA): Fr. Eugene O'Donnell, Fr. Loi Huynh, Willy Agbayani,
Stan Fitzgerald, Julius Bercasio, Peggy Bariteau, Lisa Nakamura

St. John Vianney (SJV): Fr. Francisco Rios, Fr. Eddie Obero, Fr. Michael Gazzingan,
Linda Rokita, Raul Mendoza, Phyllis Silva, Annabella Estrada,
Deacon Joe Alvarez, Anthony Uyttingco

St. Maria Goretti (SMG): Fr. Roberto Gomez, Sr. Graciela Ramos, Sr. Miriam Fahey

St. Patrick (SP): Fr. Vincent Truyen

Christ the King (CTK), Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG), no representatives

Multi-Parish Cooperative: Mike Wentz

Catholic Charities: Elizabeth Lilly, Ruben Solorio

The meeting started at 10:35 am with a prayer. Introductions followed.

Announcements:

Stan Fitzgerald mentioned that there is a 2nd house for Jesuit Volunteer Corp by Calvary Cemetery. The first house they use was the St. Clare's Convent. Right now there are 8 JVCs actively helping Jesuit projects.

Also, the campaign to address the problem of human trafficking was mentioned. It is said that human trafficking is more profitable than drugs and weapons. Salvadorean Sisters and Sisters of the Holy Name are actively supporting the move to stop this problem in the society. A progress report will be submitted by Stan on what can be done to help this cause. Notre Dame juniors are also starting action on child trafficking with a workshop this month (September) according to Julius Bercasio.

AGENDA DISCUSSION:

Office of Parish Services: Youth & Young Adult Ministry – Bob Mallon, DSJ Director for this Ministry came to represent the Office of Parish Services (OPS) to the Deanery 6 meeting. He said the Directors comprising the OPS have decided to send a director of one of their different sectors to Deanery meetings in the Diocese in order to connect to as many parishes as possible and be able to collaborate more closely and serve each others needs.

St. Francis Assistance Group for the Jobless – Jim Degnan was not able to come to speak on this agenda item. Fr. Eddie Samaniego mentioned that at MHT, there is an Employment Center that is helping those who are unemployed find ways and means to find a job suitable for their expertise or line of work. Also, there is a Workshop on the

Spirituality of Work for those who have been unemployed for a year or longer that will be held at MHT once a week for 4 weeks starting the October 22 and every Thursday thereafter from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. This experience is not about how to find employment but is about seeing how God is speaking to the person in their life about work. Sr. Patricia Galli is in-charge of this program and can be reached at MHT ext 117.

Health Care Program PACT – Beth Gonzales from PACT, asked everyone to write about a negative incident that they know about medical insurance and health care. Several people described these incidents that they have witnessed and proved that indeed there is a need to reform health care. PACT & PICO have been working to make health care affordable to the masses like having a cap on how much co-pay, cap on prescriptions, cap on premiums. According to Beth, 14K lose their insurance everyday. A lot of people cannot afford anything.

Sr. Mary Peter mentioned that flu shots are available for Medicare A & B members at Walgreens. Everyone with insurance coverage like Kaiser are encouraged to get their regular flu shots thru their respective insurance companies and save vaccines offered to the public for undocumented residents and blue-collar people who do not have insurance coverage.

Multi-Parish Cooperative

Coop Administrator - Deanery 6 started this collaborative effort among member-parishes years back with Joe Swyt as Administrator. When Joe Swyt moved to Oregon, Bro. Jim Sanders took Joe's place for the mean time. It used to be that grants were secured and a monthly \$250-\$500 share for the cooperative expenses was contributed by member-parishes who joined the Coop then to fund collaborative projects for the Deanery like IT support, Basic Faith Formation Workshops, Youth Leadership Training among others.

At one of the Joint Deanery meeting last year it was decided by all member-parishes to continue with the joint efforts thru the MPC but the search for an Administrator was needed with Bro. Jim's recent health challenges. Willy Agbayani introduced Mike Wentz, a previous director of the Spirit site, who accepted the position. Mike is skilled at getting a lot done with little resources. It was suggested that plans and logistics for the MPC be discussed more thoroughly at the next Deanery meeting for Clergy in October. In the meantime, Mike will meet with each of the different pastors of Deanery 6 to assess needs and come up with some plans.

Youth Ministry – Julius Bercasio is leaving his position as Youth Ministry Director at St. Francis of Assisi Parish starting end of September but will continue his involvements in youth ministry there just like an ordinary volunteer. He recommends continuing youth leadership training for the Deanery but make use of what is made available at the Diocese and redirect MPC funds for these trainings for a Deanery-wide Youth director. The Deanery 6 youth leaders who met in June have not met again thus far. They plan to meet after the Deanery meeting today. Fr. Francisco Rios agreed to continue to be the chaplain for the youth group of Deanery 6.

The Spanish Youth Day where 18 Spanish youth groups composed of 400-500 youth will be held on Sept. 20th at Sacred Heart Parish 8:00 am to 5:00 am. The Diocesan Council

of Filipino Catholics invites all Filipino youth (15 years and older) in the Diocese to a gathering/celebration on Sept. 12th at Our Lady of Peace 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. At MHT, the first Youth Night gathering all MHT youth groups together to celebrate and worship will be held on Sept. 25th 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Basic Ministry Program - Linda Rokita said there is a need to reorganize and form a new task force to reconvene and finalize plans for the Basic Ministry Formation early next year. The focus is on Discipleship and Culture, catechesis for lay ministers and focus on their role in ministry.

Julius said ILM has a training for certification of youth leaders and suggested a Basic Ministry Formation designed for Youth Ministry. He also mentioned that in February 2010 there will be a Middle School and Junior High Ministry training.

Catholic Charities – Census 2010 is important, safe and easy; everybody counts regardless of immigration status. Liz Lilly explained the parishes' role is to reassure their communities and let them know what this Census is about. Federal funding is based on census. Free income tax service is still available. Flyers in recent e-mail from Liz about resources for our parish communities like READ Partnership, Refugee Foster Care are ready to print at our leisure.

On January 16, 2010 is Social Justice Day at Holy Family Parish regarding issues on cutting poverty. According to Ruben, Holy Family is opening doors to help in the planning for that day; they want to link up with Deanery 6. Stan volunteered to connect with Susan.

Deanery Meeting Schedule – Willy Agbayani volunteered to have the next Deanery meeting for Clergy in October at St. Francis of Assisi. It was suggested for Pastors who have Friday as their day off to at least change schedule for the second week of the month to be able to attend the Deanery meetings. Fr. Eddie suggested for the parishes to submit their Advent & Lenten Reconciliation schedule at the next Deanery meeting.

Newly-ordained Fr. Roberto Gomez led the closing prayers before lunch.

The next joint meeting for **Clergy only** will be on Friday, **October 9th**.