



MULTIPARISH COOPERATIVE SERVICE GROUP

*They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest
Psalm 107*

To: Deanery Pastors, Clergy and Religious
From: Joe Swyt
Date: April 9, 2005
Re: Minutes Deanery Clergy Meeting
April 8, 2005
St. Maria Goretti

Future Meetings:

Staff Day Deanery Meeting

May 20, 2005 Friday

10:30 to 1:30 pm

- Most Holy Trinity

Lunch provided but free will offering asked

Deanery Clergy Meeting

June 10, 2005 Friday

11:00 to 1:00 pm

- Need host

Opening prayer by Fr. Tim Kidney. Fifteen attendees.

Stewardship As A Way Of Life

Joe Swyt and Br. Jim reported on the Stewardship As a Way of Life ministry program. Bishop McGrath has given his approval to fund the Cooperative \$100,000 for approximately one half the cost of the consulting fee per parish as a pilot program for the diocese. Details of the agreement were provided to the attendees. The contract and deliverables were reviewed. It was agreed that those parishes that intend to participate in the program must declare their intention by signing the contract no later than April 30, 2005.

Pastors are encouraged to invite members of their leadership, finance and stewardship teams to either one of the information meetings with the Catholic Stewardship Consultants on either April 26 or 27.

Pastors are invited to attend a special meeting with Eric McArdle of CSC on April 28 at MHT to more thoroughly review the contract, deliverables, parish requirements and other details of the program.

Clergy Stipend Policy

Fr. Tim and Br. Jim proposed that for Cooperative parishes that have visiting clergy from other Cooperative member parishes that serve as presiders, for reconciliation or other ministry, would not give nor expect stipends. The resolution was adopted as deanery policy.

Parish Affiliation Policy

Br. Jim recommended that the pastors and administrators consider implementing a standard "Parish Affiliation" policy similar to St. John Vianney. Topic to be discussed in more detail at next clergy meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.