



## MULTIPARISH COOPERATIVE SERVICE GROUP

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

September 1, 2004

### **Minutes of Deanery Clergy Meeting**

Host: Christ the King  
Date: October 8, 2004  
Time: 11:00 to 1:00 PM

Attendees: Fr. Robert Brocato, Steve Brown, Rene Juarez, Tim Kidney, Andy Ligot, Oscar Morales, Joseph Pacquing, Jojo Page, Adolfo Valdivia; Msgr. Dominic Do, John Sandersfeld; Friar Bill Minkel, Br. Jim Sanders; Victor Espinoza, Porty Nevarez, Joe Swyt,

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### **Next Deanery Staff Meeting:**

Friday, November 12, 2004  
Most Holy Trinity  
10:00 to 2:00 pm

### **Next Deanery Clergy Meeting**

Friday, December 10, 2004  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
St. John Vianney

**Welcoming and Prayer:** Robert as the host pastor led the group in the opening prayer.

### **Agenda Discussion Topics**

**Deanery:** Tim presented a draft of the “Function of the Deanery and Role of the Dean” policy now under consideration at the Diocese.

- **Action:** All clergy and administrators are asked to respond to Tim by email with their comments and questions by October 19 for his discussion with the Bishop.

**Vietnamese Ministry Proposal:** Victor presented a draft letter to the Bishop and after discussion it was decided to clarify points in the letter.

- **Action:** A subcommittee consisting of Victor, Br. Jim, Robert and Joe will meet to finalize a draft letter and email it to the pastors for their review and approval by October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Advent Penance Service:** The advent penance service for each parish was reviewed to schedule support for the services:

- SFOA Friday December 10
- SJV Monday December 13
- MHT Tuesday December 14
- OLG Thursday December 16
- CTK Thursday December 16
- SMG Friday December 17



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- **Action:** All parish services will be preceded with 5:30 gathering, 6:00 dinner and all services will start at 7:30 pm and Joe will desktop the schedules and email to the parish offices for publication in their bulletins

**St. Brother Albert's:** This Polish Personal Parish is included in Deanery Six. Tim will contact the pastor, Rev. Jan Karpowicz and invite him to future Deanery meetings.

**Confirmation Celebration:** Porty presented a proposal for parish collaboration for the Confirmation celebration. SFOA has 85 candidates, CTK 25, MHT 115 and SJV 94.

- **Action:** SJV and MHT have already decided to handle their own events. CTK, OLG and SFOA agreed to work together on a common celebration and seek a common venue.

**Deanery Diocesan Financial Support:** Joe presented a draft financial summary of the Deanery ADA and Cathedraticum support. When new ADA goals are received in November, the report will be finalized and discussed at the December clergy meeting.

**Household Financial Management:** Joe presented a status report on the program. The first ten-week programs were completed at OLG, MHT, CTK, SMG and SFOA. Hispanic participation and interest was very high. New facilitators have been identified and a training session will be scheduled in November. New Spanish language Crown course materials will be available in November. New ten-week bible study groups can be scheduled at the parishes beginning in January.

**Loyola New Orleans:** Joe presented an overview of the Loyola Certificate in Parish Life and Administration program. He also introduced the new Certificate in Christian Spirituality in the same format as the Parish Life certificate. This program will be offered by the Spirituality Center with Fr. Kevin Joyce.

**Deanery Planning Meeting:** The attendees agreed to proceed with the Deanery Staff planning meeting on November 12 to discuss and prioritize collaborative efforts among the parishes. Topics including marriage, education, evangelization, committed members versus visitors, youth internship, young adults and the three pastoral priorities were identified. Also considered was the inclusion of a brainstorming session to identify the three most pressing issues facing the church in the east side.

- **Action:** Br. Jim volunteered Most Holy Trinity Center as the venue. Time was set at 10 am to 2 pm. All clergy, staff and key lay leaders will be invited. Pastors will insure that their parish members are present. Tim, John and Joe will meet on November 3 at St. Francis at noon to discuss the format.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.