



# MULTIPARISH COOPERATIVE SERVICE GROUP

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

April 19, 2004

## Minutes of Multiparish Cooperative Meeting

Host: St. Francis of Assisi  
Date: April 16, 2004  
Time: 1:00 to 2:30 PM  
Attendees: Fr. Brocato, Hendel, Joyce, Juarez, Sandersfeld; Br. Sanders; Will Sousa, Victor Espinoza, Joe Swyt

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With a quorum, the following resolutions were discussed and passed unanimously by the Board:

1. **Membership Fees for 2004-2005:** Cooperative membership fees will be increased from \$250.00 per month to \$500.00 per month effective July 1, 2004 with the exception of Christ the King. Fr. Brocato will discuss the rate with his Finance Team and either keep the fee at \$250.00 or agree to a higher rate that the Team approves.
2. **Youth Ministry Internship Proposal:** Responding to the proposal by Will Sousae, the Board approved the Internship proposal, allowing Will to proceed to write the grant request for funds, to proceed with the reviews of the proposal with each parish, to financially support the hiring of the Program Coordinator, to establish the training program and to finalize the updated proposal by Will for final review at the May business meeting.
3. **Marriage Preparation Cooperative Coordinator:** Responding to a proposal by Fr. John to establish a marriage program that will provide preparation, counseling, validation and enrichment elements for all parishes in appropriate languages; Fr. John and Fr. Eddie will organize a meeting with all of the parishes marriage preparation ministers to present the proposal, seek ideas and identify potential program coordinators.
4. **Cooperative Day Away Planning Meeting:** The pastors agreed to support an offsite-planning meeting for parish clergy and staff for the purpose of defining future collaborative programs in support of the Diocesan Pastoral plan. At the May meeting, Fr. John and Joe Swyt will present a proposal for a site, date, a facilitator and invite/coordinate agenda topics.
5. **Cooperative Business Meeting Attendees:** The pastors agreed to bring their parish administrators and/or key clergy to future business meetings. The goal is to use the business meetings as training for future pastors and provide action at the parish through the administrators on Board resolutions and actions.
6. **Fair Trade:** At the Deanery meeting the pastors agreed to join the Fair Trade program with Mike Monroe as a Social Justice ministry in FY2005.
7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting date will be set to allow parish administrators to attend.