



## MULTIPARISH COOPERATIVE SERVICE GROUP

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

To: Attendees  
From: Joe Swyt  
Date: April 16, 2004  
Re: Southeast Deanery Staff Meeting Minutes

Host: St. Francis of Assisi  
Date: April 16, 2004  
Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Attendees: Fathers Robert Brocato, Dominic Dinh Do, Larry Hendel, Kevin Joyce, Rene Juarez, Andy Ligot, Paul Mensha, Joseph Pacquing, John Sandersfeld; Br. Jim Sanders; Sr. Miriam, Sr. Catherine, Sr. Catherine Dang; Jim Brennan, Greg Dessel, Victor Espinoza, Jeff Fernandez, Stan Fitzgerald, Jeanne Gaffney, Ginny Hinkle, Mike Monroe, Will Sousae, Joe Swyt

Next Deanery Staff Meeting: Friday, June 11 at St. Francis of Assisi  
Next Deanery Clergy Meeting: Friday, May 12 at Most Holy Trinity

### **Parish and Deanery Status**

Following prayer, Fr. Kevin summarized parish/deanery staff changes. He will leave his position as pastor of St. Maria Goretti effective June 1 to become Director of the Spirituality Center. Fr. Steve Brown will become the new pastor effective July 1, and his pastorate at Our Lady Star of the Sea will be filled by Fr. Francisco Rios who will be interim pastor through July 1. Fr. Larry announced that he is leaving St. John Vianney effective June 21 for an active duty tour in Kosevo, returning to the diocese in January 2006. His replacement has not yet been named.

Fr. Kevin also stated that no word has been received on the new deanery structure and that an official visitation is scheduled at St. Elizabeth to interview the parish for Fr. Samy's replacement. Lastly, a new dean must be elected to replace him.

### **Santee Mission**

Fr. John and Sr. Miriam provided an update on the search for facilities at the Fair and Kennedy schools. The Mission currently has \$59,000 in cash due to the generosity of Cooperative parishes. On website see Fair School memo of March 25, 2004.

### **Household Financial Management Ministry**

Joe Swyt gave an update on the ministry, outlining the program launch schedule for the parishes.



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### **Spiritsite Ministry**

Fr. Kevin outlined the scope of his work at the Spirituality Center ([www.spiritsite.org](http://www.spiritsite.org)) and the program to provide parish missions.

### **Lay Ministry Report**

Jeanne Gaffney summarized the results of the Parish Ministry Formation workshops. For the full report, go to [www.mpcsg.org](http://www.mpcsg.org)

### **Social Justice Initiates**

Stan Fitzgerald outlined a program where he and Brother Bill Farrell starting in June, will visit parishes to train leaders in CST. He also outlined the Faithful Citizenship program.

### **Fair Trade Program**

Mike Monroe presented a proposal to involve the Cooperative parishes in purchasing Fair Trade products through his business, which also supports CRS. After discussion, the pastors agreed to support it in their parishes as a Social Justice initiative. The Cooperative will use this example of collaboration and that of the Santee Mission to advance the work of the Church through improved public relations.

### **Youth Internship Proposal**

Will Sousae used a PowerPoint presentation to introduce a program to train youth ministers as interns supporting youth related ministries in each parish. There are 5000 catholic youth in our parishes and over 10,000 young adults. See the full proposal at [www.mpcsg.org](http://www.mpcsg.org)

### **St. Francis Memorial Garden**

Jim Brennan, Operations Manager of the Memorial Garden, proposed a joint marketing program with the parishes, in which each parish that will refer their parishioners interested in cremation to St. Francis will earn a commission on sales. Jim will provide a formal proposal to each parish in May.

### **Diocesan Stewardship Conference**

Joe Swyt encouraged all parishes to send members of their staff and lay leaders to the Diocesan supported Stewardship Conference on April 30/May 1 here in San Jose.