



MULTIPARISH COOPERATIVE SERVICE GROUP

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

Minutes of Multi-Parish Cooperative Meeting

Host: Christ the King
Date: February 13, 2004
Time: 10:30 PM-12:00 PM
Attendees: Fr. Robert Brocato, Fr. Lawrence Hendel, Fr. Kevin Joyce, Fr. Rene Juarez, Fr. Eddie Samantiego, Fr. John Sandersfeld, Brother Jim Sanders, Joe Swyt. Guest Fr. Jack Fagan, SJ

- **Opening Prayer**
- **Cooperative Status Report:** Joe updated the cooperative on the status of financial, program and ministry programs. The following actions were agreed to:
 - Joe to develop a handbook on the Cooperative (sometime in the future)
 - Care must be taken with the Crown Financial program to insure that facilitators do not appear to be selling their services (at the March 6 mtg)
 - The decision to hold the Stewardship Workshop tentatively scheduled for August will be revisited in April after the Diocesan supported seminar in San Jose
 - An option for the Stewardship Workshop would be to have it directed to the parish stewardship teams
- **Santee Mission:** An open discussion was held on the status and long-term plan for the Santee Mission. Currently the Mission has sufficient cash to continue operations for several months due to the generosity of deanery parishes. The following actions were agreed:
 - Fr. Rene plans to bring Sisters of the Missionary Word from Los Angeles to San Jose to evangelize to the Hispanic community. Fr. Eddie and Br. Jim are in agreement. A budget and plan for accommodations is needed so that the Sisters can be given an answer soon. This program will be looked on as a parallel effort with the Santee Mission. If successful, these nuns could possibly be replacements for the Santee Mission nuns at some point of time in the future.
 - The pastors authorized the establishment of a team to analyze the options, develop a plan and bring back recommendations to the March Cooperative meeting. Members of the team will include but not be limited to:
 - Fr. John Sandersfeld
 - Fr. Francesco Rios
 - Sr. Miriam
 - Joe Swyt
 - Carol Traub
 - Claudia Chavez
 - Cora Tomalinas (SMG),
 - A member of Christ the King (Fr. Robert to name)
 - A member of MHT (Fr. Eddie or Br. Jim to name).



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- **Marriage Prep:** Fr. Eddie and Fr. John agreed to work together on scheduling Marriage Preparation
- **Funeral Rites:** Fr. John proposed that the parishes work together to find a way to counter the marketing actions of the three largest mortuaries in their elimination of the Church in funeral services. Catholics are losing their religious understanding of the nature of life, death and resurrection in the Pascal mystery. It was agreed that this was an important topic for future action. Ideas included:
 - Coop parishes partner with Chapel of the Flowers
 - A Grief counseling program
 - More education on the Catholic Funeral Rites
- **Long Term Planning:** All pastors agreed to set a date for a full day off-site planning meeting to initiate a long term plan for the region, including new parish planning, clergy resources, facilities, debt, growth and cultural diversity.
- **Coop Director Role:** Fr. Kevin proposed that the role of the Director be more focused on strategic and resource planning and less on operations as those areas become finished.
- **Sharing Clergy:** Fr. Eddie would like to start a Tagalog mass at MHT and needs a Filipino priest to preside. In return, MHT priests would be available to preside at that parish.
- **Next Meeting:**
 - Date: Friday, March 12, 2004
 - Time: 10:30 to 12:00 pm
 - Host: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Their being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.