



MULTIPARISH COOPERATIVE SERVICE GROUP

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

SOUTHEAST DEANERY CLERGY MEETING

January 10, 2003

St. Maria Goretti Parish

Attendees:

St. Elizabeth: John Hollaroan, Lieu Vu, Ed Samy

St. Francis of Assisi: John Sandersfeld, Joe Swyt

Most Holy Trinity: Brother Jim Sanders

St. John Vianney: Joe Alvarez

St. Maria Goretti: Kevin Joyce, Joe Pacquing

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Rene Juarez, Joe Zermeño

Christ the King: Robert Broccato

Report on Deanery Coop (MPCSG)

- \$110k requested from diocesan implementation fund
- Programs already in progress
- Social Justice Roundtable
- Ministry Training in Feb and March
- Finance personnel roundtable
- Services offered by the Coop contingent on receiving funding:
 - a. IT support bookkeeping, accounting, reporting services
 - b. Evangelization/Mission facilitation
- Janitorial & landscaping training for low income parishioners
- Group purchasing
- Two grant writers seeking grants for co-op;
- Ongoing funding will be requested from Diocese, expecting that some funds will be transferred from the central office to the deaneries

Preparation for March 18 meeting with pastors and bishop:

Top concerns:

1. Number one concern for all parishes is financial with personnel & facilities close behind
2. Unable to meet new cathedraticum beyond 5%
3. ADA: new formula is hurtful to ethnic parishes with large numbers & low median income.
4. It's more difficult for us to obtain professional staff



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- Even 5% Cathedralricum will require laying off personnel & reducing hours for others

Christ the King

- How to pay \$3 mill debt?
- Future staffing as parish grows

St. Elizabeth

- No dollars for hiring bilingual pastoral staff while Viet and Hispanic communities are growing

Most Holy Trinity

- Debt servicing will add \$10-15K monthly

Our Lady of Guadalupe

- Lacks facilities
- Need staffing for youth, education, the poor

St. Francis

- Diocese must be missionary
- Diocese lacks focus thus difficult for parishes to align with diocese
- We count on Bishop McGrath to articulate where we're going so we can join the parade
- Diocesan structures were developed in the 60s & 70s to support parishes that had no staff.
- Many diocesan offices no longer needed by parishes

Additional Comments:

- Diocese must assign priest personnel according to population.
- SE deanery has 32% of total Mass attendance with 15% of priests
- Align energy & money to the mission of the Church taking into account growing ethnic communities on East side
- The 1.5% tax for the Parish Mutual Assistance Fund was to help 5 poorer parishes on east side, yet west side parishes applied & received money also
- The wealthy on the west side would understand the needs of east side if the diocese made the case & promoted such an appeal
- Very difficult to find bilingual, bicultural people & to pay them an adequate salary
- ILM needs to train people to replace us.



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Other Pastoral Issues

- Parishes should cooperate in offering days of recollection or "revival" experiences for parishioners
- Priests could gather to prepare for Lenten preaching - invite a scripture scholar
- Offer Lenten pamphlets to parishioners, e.g. Bishop Ken Untner's
- Post all the parishes' Lenten programs on the Deanery website
- Prepare common con-validation program, e.g., 6 sessions followed by large group weddings. Joe Benedict and John Sandersfeld will present a proposal.

NEXT DEANERY MEETING FOR PARISH STAFFS: FEBRUARY 14,
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm (please R.S.V.P)

Prepared by Fr. Kevin Joyce, Dean