



MULTIPARISH COOPERATIVE SERVICE GROUP

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

October 26, 2002

To: Pastors of Southeast Deanery and Parish Attendees of October 18 Deanery Meeting

Fr. Kevin Ballard	Most Holy Trinity	Fr. Rene Juarez	Our Lady Guadalupe
Fr. Joseph Benedict	St. Francis	Fr. Kevin P. Joyce	St. Maria Goretti
Fr. Robert Brocato	Christ the King	Fr. Stephen Perata	St. Victors
Fr. Lawrence Hendel	St. John Vianney	Fr. Edward Samy	St. Elizabeth
		Fr. Norman Segovia	St. John the Baptist

Opportunities for Collaboration: October 18, 2002 Deanery Meeting

Forty-one members of the deanery met on October 18 and outlined the following opportunities for collaboration among the Southeast Deanery parishes. The results are organized into the following major categories:

1. Multi-Culture Challenges:

- a. Analyze and present results of deanery wide parish mass capacity, number of masses and different language masses to establish a plan for better use of facilities
- b. Improve coordination among parishes for language Masses
- c. Analyze ways for better use of facilities and facility planning which is important for meeting the cultural demands of parishes
- d. Multi-cultures are challenging clergy and staff. Establish a means to share knowledge, experiences, identify leadership and train leaders to handle growing cultural diversity
- e. Establish leadership programs to address cultural diversity and enhance integration into parish life
- f. Review ministry to second and third generation cultural groups

2. Young Adult ministry:

- a. Focus on providing an improved spiritual direction; recognize the mobility of this age group within the deanery and consider rotating venues among parishes
- b. Establish collaboration with Newman Centers
- c. Establish Catholic presence at Evergreen College
- d. Improve formation of young adults for ministry
- e. Implement Young Adult ministry for college age parishioners

3. Inter-Parish Policies:

- a. Establish consistent sacramental policies and fee schedules to discourage parish hopping and sacrament shopping
- b. Address funding resources to assist parishes with Stewardship
- c. Organize discussion groups to share parish highlights and success stories



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- 4. Catholic Education:**
 - a. Implement a catechesis plus evangelization program to the church and unchurched
 - b. Find ways for parishes with schools to work better with those with no schools
- 5. Education**
 - a. Implement a dialog among parishes with and without schools to address tuition and parish subsidy policies
- 6. Parish Team Discussions (Roundtables)**
 - a. Schedule and coordinate regular meetings for Business Managers and Accountants to discuss what works at parishes and share information
 - b. Schedule and coordinate regular meetings for Youth ministers to discuss what works at parishes
 - c. Schedule and coordinate regular meetings for Social Justice ministers to discuss what works at parishes
- 7. Lay Leadership:**
 - a. Integrate leadership of various cultural groups into parish leaders
 - b. Establish a deanery wide marriage prep program
 - c. Sacramental preparation more uniform, i.e., prep time, cost, etc.
- 8. Confirmation:**
 - a. Address those parishes not included in current cooperative celebration
 - b. More discussion with Fr. Ayres and finalize plan
- 9. Social Justice:**
 - a. Establish a roundtable discussion to identify what works best
 - b. CST best kept secret
- 10. Communication:**
 - a. Establish a network/website to facilitate inter-parish communications
- 11. Clergy:**
 - a. Improve homilies and preaching to reach the hearts of mass attendees
- 12. Finance**
 - a. Initiate a monthly series of luncheons for Business Managers, Accountants, and Bookkeepers to discuss ways to improve systems, policies, hardware/software, and reduce costs in the parishes.
- 13. Poverty**
 - a. How to address the needs of an increasing number of poor in the region
 - b. How to minister to Spanish speaking populace
 - c. How to better use and share facilities
 - d. How to serve a growing Vietnamese community which is maxing out at St. Maria Goretti and Most Holy Trinity with 1200 attending in an 800 capacity church