



MULTIPARISH COOPERATIVE SERVICE GROUP

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

April 7, 2004

Multiparish Cooperative Services Group

To: Fathers Brocato, Ballard, Hendel, Joyce, Juarez, Sandersfeld, Br. Jim Sanders
Sr. Catherine, Sr. Miriam, Stan Fitzgerald, Bob Delaney, Porfirio Nevarez
From: Joe Swyt
Re: Santee Mission Meeting Minutes August 28, 2003

Attendees:	SFOA:	Fr. John, Joe Swyt, Stan Fitzgerald, Bob Delaney
	SMG:	Fr. Kevin, Fr. Francisco
	CTK:	Porfirio Nevarez
	Santee:	Sr. Miriam, Sr. Catherine
	OLG:	Absent
	SJV:	Absent
	MHT:	Absent

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2003
Breakfast Meeting: 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Santee Mission Apartment
1401 Dubert Avenue, Apt 1
Right turn off of McLaughlin at Audubon, right on Santee, left on Dubert. Park on street.

Reference: Santee Mission Proposal

Recommendations/Actions

The following action items were discussed and agreed:

1. The Santee Mission is the basis of a new parish with the new apartment starts, high population density, Catholic affiliation of Hispanic immigrants and current family participation of 300 families without any promotion or advertising.
2. If the challenge to fund and grow the Santee community is not met now, the Church will lose these Catholics and future members to the Evangelical and Pentecostal churches who are active in the area.
3. The Sisters have an immediate need of \$4,000 per month to maintain services
4. Funding and support for the mission could be enhanced if the leadership of the community was defined. For example, Fr. Rios, because of his history with the mission could be presented as the pastor, with Sr. Miriam and Sr. Catherine as the mission administrators. This could lead to an organizational structure that will encourage higher levels of family participation and community support.



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Action: Team members will come to the next meeting with specific recommendations on leadership and organization.

5. Immediate attention must be devoted to encourage higher levels of stewardship, including:
 - a. Ask for one hour of their labor per week. With 300 families giving \$15,600 per year, this equates to \$1.00 per week per family. Fr. Rios will ask people to put the cash equivalent of one hour of labor into an envelope, place the envelope on their home altar and, if they do not have to use that money during the next week for basic family needs, place it in the next week's offertory. Repeat the following week. Remind them how good it feels to give gifts.
 - b. Ask each family to bring one additional family to the mass. This will encourage community building in an otherwise individualistic society.
 - c. Ask them to be responsible to each other and to their community. Help with the set up and tear down. Teach them that Liturgy means "the work of the people."

Action: Fr. Rios, Sr. Catherine and Sr. Miriam will develop, schedule and implement the messages.

6. Identify and recruit an Ombudsman to coordinate the project. Also use the talents of the Cooperative parishes by organizing a "Santee Mission Advisory Team" that will provide their guidance, advice, organizing skills, fundraising ability and other capabilities to help the pastor and administrators build this community.

Action: Each member parish will identify one or two members of their parish who will participate on the Santee Mission Advisory Team and who might have the interest and gifts to serve as Program Manager.

7. Build community support by painting a picture of the "Promised Land", a place and a time when the members of the Mission will have a new and better place for Sunday services, educational programs and general assistance. The new facility can be in a nearby school. The place is also a spirit, where everyone in the community can use their talents, to sew, to paint, to build, to maintain, to feed, minister and lead the community in support of each other.

Action:

- a) Each member come to the next meeting with ideas on how to organize, present and continue this program.
- b) Sr. Catherine and Sr. Miriam will form a team to do a field trip to visit the school and look at the gym as a possible place for an enlarged group at mass.



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8. Bring more people to mass and look for a bigger facility for Mass. Visit and place flyers for mass, ESL and Catechetics in the laundry rooms in the
9. apartments. Put out a sign for Sunday Mass. Encourage each family to bring a new family next week.

Action: Sr. Catherine and Sr. Miriam will do more promotion and will provide Joe Swyt with the Spanish language text for a real estate type sign to be used for Mass.

10. Have the children give testimony at the Sunday masses and give short stories at the Masses about the importance to them of their church. About their dreams, their needs, their hopes. Parents want to see their children advance, children see things adults miss and people listen harder to the words of children.

Action: Sr. Catherine, Sr. Miriam and Fr. Rios to organize this.

11. Recruit adult lay leaders who have been touched or benefited by the mission to give testimony on what the Church and this mission meant to them in their lives. Schedule a new speaker every week.

Action: Sr. Catherine, Sr. Miriam and Fr. Rios to organize this.

12. Establish at SMG as fiscal agent, a separate Quicken accounting system to track the Santee Mission accounts and finalize a complete P&L for the Mission.

Action: Joe Swyt and Angie Ordinario to establish.

13. Identify developers, real estate leaders, key business people in the area who could donate land, buildings or gifts for the purchase or construction of a building for the nuns or for the school.

Action: Fr. John, Fr. Kevin and Joe will coordinate this.

14. Use members of PACT, ACORN and other community development services to assist in the building of the Mission.

Action: A task for the Program team.