

SANTA ROSA DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD  
**DPC EXECUTIVE BOARD**

MINUTES, Meeting, Saturday, April 10, 2010, Cathedral of St Eugene, Santa Rosa

Present: Mel Amato, Lou Bull, Pat Bull, Steve Ericson, Yvette Fallandy, Bob Leet, Len Marabella, Julie Parnow, Mike Wall (Presiding), Bishop Walsh.

Opening. Mike convened the Meeting at 9:00AM; Bishop Walsh led the Assembled in the *Prayer for the Diocese*.

Agenda\*. Approved as augmented.

Minutes\*. Minutes of January 9, 2010, approved as amended.

Reports. The Diocese. Bishop Walsh reported:

- He will preside over 26 Confirmation Liturgies between today and Pentecost, May 23.
- Virtually all the Priests of the Diocese, in good spirits, participated in the Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday.
- Pertaining to Diocesan Clergy:
  - He will meet shortly with the Clergy Personnel Board.
  - Fr Louis Coddaira, Pastor, St Joseph, Fortuna, is retiring (His successor must be Spanish speaking.)
  - Msgr Tom Keys has suffered a serious heart attack.
  - He will ordain three Seminarians (all bilingual) to the Priesthood on May 22, 10AM, St John the Baptist, Napa.
  - He will meet shortly with Representatives of the Missionaries of Faith, an Italian Order founded in 1984 and whose members are mainly Indian, for the purpose of recruiting Priests for our Diocese.
- The Diocesan Ministry Appeal is at the halfway point; as of March 26, 2010, there were 2686 Pledges of \$555,056 of which \$339,530 has been received in cash.
- In response to a question, when will the new ICEL (International Commission on English in the Liturgy) be instituted in Parishes: "Anticipated for Advent 2011. The new text is an opportunity for renewal of worship in our Parishes. . . Change is always difficult; we will need a positive view." (Changes in the Liturgy were last made in the '70's.) In answer to how might the DPC help: "We must wait for the Catechesis; *lex orandi, lex credendi*."
- When Steve proposed that the Diocese pursue Charitable Remainder Trusts as a financial vehicle, Bishop Walsh said he would take the idea to the Diocesan Finance Council.

Treasurer\*. Lou reported:

- The Executive Board Treasury has a Balance of \$2,218.98 as April 10, 2010.
- Sundry Plenary Session 2010 Plenary expenses = c \$400.
- MSP that the Executive Board authorizes the following expenditures a) honoraria of \$250 for Deacon Norris and Fr Lemus for services to the Plenary, and b) reimbursement of other expenses incurred on behalf of the Plenary.
- Len proposed that a Budget for 2010-2011 be developed at the next Executive Board Meeting, June 12, 2010; unanimous consensus.

Humboldt/DelNorte. Lou and Pat reported:

- H/DN met February 20, 2010.
- Hoopa Mission will host, May 14, a visit from Fr Wayne Paysse, Director, National Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions; Bishop Walsh will attend.
- Sr Patricia Carson, Director, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission, will be inducted into her High School Hall of Fame.
- Phil Minor (St Bernard) has been active in establishing an interdenominational radio station, "Immaculate Heart Radio," under the auspices of the Catholic Radio Awareness Group.
- Sacred Heart has acquired the services of a Spanish-speaking Seminarian to assist the Parish in developing a bilingual Anglo-Hispanic program.
- St Bernard enjoyed a successful Mardi Gras, and welcomed 14 RCIA Candidates at its Easter Liturgy.
- St Mary's School enjoys substantial Parishioner support.

- H/DN Minutes for February 20, 2010 (Lou & Pat absent): “(paraphrase) Doug Williams, St Mary, reported *ad hoc* on his meeting with Fr. Gerard Gormley, Pastor, St Mary, Arcata, concerning the diminution of Priests throughout the Diocese. Fr Gormley suggested to Doug that the DPC develop a procedure for the consolidation of two or more Parishes, so as to share a Pastor, when necessitated by the Priest shortage. H/DN msp a Motion addressed to the DPC Ex. Bd that it develop such a procedure and urge the Bishop → to authorize it.” The Ex. Bd will request a copy of the Minutes in a question and consider the H/DN request at its next meeting, June 12, 2010.

Sonoma North. Mike reported:

- Mourns the death of its Member, Tom McCarthy.
- At its Meeting, February 27<sup>th</sup>, SN discussed the Plenary Session Program, Communications and Pastoral Planning (Please see below.).
- On behalf of the DPC Communications Task Force, Mike met with Dr Dierdre Frontczak, Diocesan Director of Communications, concerning Diocesan and DPC Communications projects. She will meet with Mike, Brian Connolly and Len, at St Rose, April 24, 10AM to discuss publication of *Faith Magazine* which has received a windfall budget.

Sonoma South. Julie reported:

- St James will host a regional Retreat led by nationally recognized Fr. Tom Allender, S. J., April 24-28. St James is reorganizing its Parish Council. Fr Culligan, Pastor, will appoint its member henceforth.
- Julie’s term as Parish Council Chair has expired.

Lay Pastoral Director Project (LPDP). Len (Task Force Chair) reported:

- He is having difficulty scheduling a presentation of the LPDP to the H/DN Priests Deanery, and requests assistance of the DPC H/DN in arranging the meeting.
- St Phillips has requested a briefing on the LPDP. Scheduled for April 12.
- Star of the Valley Parish Council was briefed about 6 months ago, and began the planning process. It will be interesting to see how this develops in the light of Msgr Keys poor health.

- He noted that the LPDP is highly relevant to the Plenary theme, “Energizing the Laity.”

Pastoral (formerly ‘Strategic’) Planning Task Force (PP). Mel (Task Force Chair) reported:

- The Task Force has met twice.
- Subsequently Mel has obtained two documents from the Diocese of Brooklyn-Queens, NY, which implemented Pastoral Planning:
  - A Parish Council is essential to PP, and the Bishop mandated a Council for all Parishes.
  - Pastoral Leaders must be trained for the PP (A Brooklyn/Queens PP Director would come to train Parish Leaders for \$700 and expenses.)
- The next step is to present the PP to the SND for its input and direction.

Old Business - Review of Plenary Session 2010.

Bishop Walsh.

- All gave high praise and thanks for his “Opening Liturgy,” “ Annual Report on the Status of the Diocese”, and “Keynote Address.”
  - He provided a “class act,” ideal for setting the spirit and theme of the Plenary Session: “Energizing the Laity” that carried through the day.
  - Len has prepared a spreadsheet of the Bishop Walsh’s Statistics pertaining to the Diocese.\*
  - Julie appreciated his exhortation for Parishes to participate in the life of the larger community.
- Summary of Bishop Walsh’s Presentations forthcoming in DPC Plenary Session 2010 Report.

Deacon John Norris – “Energizing the Laity.”

- All agreed that Deacon Norris’ PowerPoint Presentation was pertinent and cogent.
- All agreed that the application of his Program to the DPC and our Diocese requires further reflection.
- Julie will obtain a follow-up from Deacon Norris.
- Deacon Norris’ Power Point will soon be available on the DPC Website, [santarosadpc.com](http://santarosadpc.com).

Brian Connolly (Holy Spirit Representative to SN) – Communications Task Force Report.

- All agreed that Brian’s PowerPoint set forth a comprehensive program for enhancing Diocesan Communications

- The Task Force's next step is to collect Parish E-mail Rosters.
- Brian's PowerPoint will soon be available on the DPC Website, santarosadpc.com.

#### New Business.

- The Executive Board will discuss future Plenary Session planning at its next meeting, June 12, 2010.
  - The Executive Board awaits the Executive Secretary's *DPC Plenary Session 2010 Report*.
  - Mike anticipates developing a program for engaging the Laity in the DPC, based on Plenary Participants' Response to "After This Plenary Session What Action Will I Take" as expressed at the Plenary.
- Yvette announced her Resignation as Executive Secretary, as soon as the Executive Board can make arrangements for her Replacement, and no later than August 15, 2010.
  - The DPC has developed to a point exceeding her competence, and she can best serve the DPC by stepping aside for fresh perspectives and much needed electronic expertise.
  - She is preparing all DPC records, files and paraphernalia for convenient transmittal and storage.
  - She will be unavailable after May 20<sup>th</sup> and will not be able to attend the Ex. Bd meeting on June 12, after which she would be happy to provide any *ad hoc* service to the DPC that Ex. Bd might request.
  - She respectfully urges the Executive Board to give prompt, active attention to the following:
    - › The Ex. Bd advance with all deliberate speed the Communications Task Force Agenda.
    - › Establish an efficient procedure for the maintenance and use of E-mail addresses.
    - › Make the DPC Website more attractive, 'user friendly,' and promote it.
  - She will prepare a Job Description as Mel requested
  - She leaves with unalloyed gratitude for having been permitted to participate in the DPC, deepest affection for cherished friends, and abiding devotion to the DPC cause.
- Request to Suspend the DPC Constitution. In anticipation of its June 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting, at which the DPC Constitution requires the election of Officers, the Ex. Bd reviewed the status of the Ex. Bd and the DPC, and determined that all concerned would be best served if the DPC Constitution were suspended for an indefinite period for the following reasons:
  - The Executive Board has begun and will continue at its next meeting, June 12, 2010, a close deliberation of the following opportunities and predicaments before it :
    - a) The Communications and Pastoral Planning Task Forces are satisfactorily *in medias res*.
    - b) The Lay Pastoral Director Project continues satisfactorily apace.
    - c) Three of five Deaneries languish and Plenary Session attendance is sparse.
    - d) The Ex. Bd seeks an Executive Secretary or an alternative thereto.
  - Given the foregoing, continuity in leadership is critical, and changes in the Executive Board at this time would grievously trammel any efforts to advance the DPC. Thus, by unanimous consensus, the Ex. Bd instructs Mike, as Chair, on its behalf, to request Bishop Walsh to suspend the DPC Constitution for an indefinite period.

Next Meeting – Saturday, June 12, 2010, 9AM – 12N.

Benediction & Adjournment – Having given the Benediction, Mike adjourned the Meeting at 12:15PM.

\* Copy attached to File Copy of Minutes.

→ Action required no later than next Ex. Bd Meeting, June 12, 2010.