

DPC Humboldt/Del Norte Deanery MINUTES  
MARCH 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by Chairman, Dennis Costa. Those in attendance were Jim Dimmick, Loretta Speziale, Buck Carroll, Nancy Lawrence, Sister Pat Carson, Colleen Machado, Linda and Jim Barrett, and Gina Costa.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Parish Reports were given –

St. Mary's -

Jim Dimmick and Loretta Speziale reported that St. Mary's will be having a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. The Third Annual Dinner/Auction was held at Baywood Country Club to raise money for the school. Stations of the Cross are held every Friday. The Italian Catholic Federation put on a polenta and chicken dinner. There are 4 candidates in the RCIA program.

St. Mary's school enrollment continues to decline. Since they did not have enough players for a basketball team they have joined with Arcata Baptist to form a team. The combined team won a recent tournament.

St. Mary's crab feed was cancelled for this year, but will be scheduled for early January next year. March 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Surf & Turf dinner for \$25.00. The confirmation group attended the Youth Days in LA.

St. Joseph's – CC -

Jim Barrett reported that everything is going very well in Crescent City. Church attendance continues to go up. Good things continue to happen under the direction of the new pastor, Fr. Frank Epperson and seminarian Mario Valercia. There is a new choir as well as a violin at the last Mass. The Portuguese of the parish hosted a Valentine/Thank you dinner for Catholic Schools week as a fundraiser for the school. It was very successful and the food was excellent (but the Portuguese wouldn't share their recipes, even when Jim offered to pay for them)

Sacred Heart -

Gina reported that the confirmation class continues about 20 in attendance. Generations of Faith continues with two more sessions, one on March 9/11, and the final one on April 13/14. New signs are being made, one will be put up in the grassy area in front of the church with the Mass schedule and another will be put on the Church to the left of the doors. Fr. Luis accompanied the youth to a Youth Congress in LA. There are 6 in the RCIA program this year.

Christ the King

Nancy reported on the Spanish community at Christ the King is holding a Mexican dinner once a month.

Buck Carroll reported that most people in the parishes are satisfied with the status quo and that he's representing the five churches – Scotia, Garberville, Loleta, Fortuna and Ferndale.

There was no report from SB, as Phil Minor was recovering from surgery,

Blessed Kateri -

Lou and Pat Bull were unable to attend, but submitted the following: Fr. Eric Freed continues to say Mass at least once a month. Deacon Ken Bond who has been providing services about twice a month is on an extended trip until May. Sister Pat presides over the remaining services.

Confirmation classes continue for three students. One adult is also scheduled for confirmation.

Stations of the Cross were held on February 15 and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Heavy rains flooded the offices in the parish hall. Insurance does not cover water damage, but the diocese will cover the costs of a sealing coat and new floor tile.

Plans continue for the May 31<sup>st</sup> golf tournament fundraiser at Willow Creek Country Club.

Sister Pat reported that there will be a rummage sale on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

April 5<sup>th</sup> DPC Plenary session is in Ukiah.. Several members said they plan on attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55. Next meeting will be held June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am. at St. Mary's.