

Humboldt – Del Norte Deanery

Diocesan Pastoral Council

Minutes

April 18, 2009

St. Mary Church, Arcata

Present: Gina and Dennis Costa, Jim Dimmick, Pat Bull, Doug Williams, Phil Minor, and Genoveva Gomez.

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson Dennis Costa. Agenda was provided to guests as was parish reports that were e-mailed to committee members.

Announcement: **Jim Dimmick** reminded those present that he is retiring as a representative from St. Mary (Arcata) and is being replaced by **Doug Williams**. Jim also explained that he will be having throat surgery in the near future may be "out of commission" for awhile. The deanery assembly members will keep him in their prayers.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (1-31-09) were approved.

3. Parish Reports:

A) Hoopa – **Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission – Pat Bull** reported the following:

1. Rummage Sale: April 4, raised over \$500. Enough good rummage left over to have a second sale on June 13

2. 2nd Annual Golf Tournament: Saturday May 30, at Willow Creek Golf Course, information coming.

3. Sunday March 15 Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon: Church community enjoyed a great dinner prepared by the Machado's (Tim and Colleen).

4. Annual Dinner/Auction date set for October 17, 2009 in the Parrish Hall.

5. Palm Sunday: Deacon Ken Bond; Easter Sunday Father Eric Freed

Services were also held on Holy Thursday, and Good Friday with Sister Pat

6. Sister Pat leaves April 14 to attend "Women of Wisdom Seminar" in New Jersey, returning May 10th.

In her absence, services will be covered by lay people. Colleen Machado and LeRoy Cyr.

Fr. Eric Freed will say mass on May 3.

7. A new member was welcomed to the community and two confirmations were held Easter Sunday

8. Father Loren Allen was with us on March 8.

B) Eureka – Sacred Heart: Gina Costa reported the following:

1. **Fr. Ishmael Mora** will be arriving in June to replace Fr. Luis Penalosa who has been reassigned to

another parish. 2. The parish is engage in an ongoing **law suit** brought by a parishioner who fell in the parking lot. 3. **Genoveva Gomez**, further reported the following: a) Over 600 people attended the Easter Vigil Mass, 10 people received rites of initiation, 10 people received Confirmation, 16 people received First Holy Communion; b) On May 3, 12 people are scheduled to receive First Communion in English, on June 7, 7 people are scheduled to receive First Communion in Spanish; c) A joint Confirmation ceremony will be held on May 31, at 2:00 p.m., St. Mary, Arcata; d) two Easter Egg hunts and one St. Patrick's dinner were all well attended.

C) Eureka – St. Bernard: Phil Minor reported: The following items, which are thought to be of interest to other parishes in our area, are extracted from the St. Bernard Parish Advisory Council meeting of March 20, 2009 and recent events since then:

1. On April 11, 2009, at the Easter Vigil Mass, St. Bernard welcomed 10 new church members from the R.C.I.A. program, including one 14 year old, and 8 others received First Holy Communion.
2. The St. Bernard parish has received good response from advertisements placed in the local media concerning Holy Week activities.
3. The newly formed St. Bernard Women's Club had over 100 people attend their "Fat Tuesday" potluck dinner on the eve of Lent.
4. Fr. David Anderson, (St. Peter's Eastern Right) will begin another of his very popular lecture series at 7:00 p.m., Monday April 20,2009, at the St. Bernard Parish Hall.

D) Arcata - St. Mary: Doug Williams reported the following:

Two new members have completed the RCIA program, a mother and son. This is the lowest number in several years.

Seventeen teenagers from the Confirmation class went down to Los Angeles for the Youth Conference.

We had our "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" fund raiser.

The Dinner Auction at the Baywood Country Club was a success.

We are starting our "Pennies from Heaven" raffle and silent bid which is scheduled for May 17. This will aid St. Mary's School. Tickets are \$100 each and there are 250 with a \$10,000 cash prize.

Father Ray will be leaving St. Mary's on 7/1/09 and will be starting with his new parish in Guerneville. No word on who will be replacing him.

Because of the change in pastors the Parish Council was disbanded after only one meeting so that the new priest can have input into it's formation.

4. An **Executive Board** report was given by **Pat Bull** concerning the Board meeting of February 7, 2009.

Highlights included the Lay Pastoral Director Program, the "What I Am Most Proud Of In My Parish" questionnaire, and the Plenary Session scheduled for March 28, in Ukiah. A compilation of the "WIAMPOMP" questionnaire results and a summary of the Plenary Session is expected to be distributed to all affected parties in early May. Anyone interested is encouraged to visited the DPC website at santarosadpc.com for the latest updates.

5. **Phil Minor** and **Doug Williams** reported on the **Plenary Session** held in Ukiah on March 28. The Plenary Session went well with good presentations, discussions, and a timely report by Bishop Walsh. However, attendance was lighter than previous years. A resolution was passed by those in attendance to seek written approval within 30 days from Bishop Walsh to proceed with the Lay Pastoral Director

Program, as presented by Len Marabella and his committee.

6. **Next meeting** is scheduled for **June 27, 2009, 10:00 a.m.**, St. Mary Church, Arcata

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.