

Humboldt – Del Norte Deanery  
Diocesan Pastoral Council

Minutes

December 5, 2009  
St. Mary Church, Arcata

**Present:** Gina and Dennis Costa, Lou & Pat Bull, Phil Minor, Nancy Lawrence, and Jim Dimmick for Doug Williams.

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson Dennis Costa
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (10-03-09) were approved with the following addition to item 6: *[editorial note: The statement concerns a discussion of the vitality, mission, and continued support of the DPC.]* It was agreed that while the original conditions which prompted the formation of the DPC may no longer exist, such conditions could arise again and continuing support for an effective DPC is certainly warranted.
3. **Catholic Radio public awareness group** – Phil Minor reported that a small committee met this morning to establish objects and tentative plans to raise public awareness of **Immaculate Heart Radio** in our local area. The target audience will be all those who have never listened to Catholic Radio. The first step will be to develop and distribute a message for periodic publication in all Catholic **church bulletins** and church **websites** in our area. Several other proposals are under discussion.

**4. Parish Reports:**

**A) Hoopa – Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission – Pat Bull** reported the following: Over \$6,000 was raised in a recent fund-raiser to defray the cost of insurance; Deacon Ken Bond, Fr. Loren Allen, and Fr. Eric Freed continue to provide liturgical services for the mission church; Sr. Pat Carson continues to recover slowly from her back surgery, another surgery is anticipated in the future; a childrens' party has been scheduled to decorate for Christmas.

**B) Arcata - St. Mary: Jim Dimmick** (substituting for Doug Willaims) reported the following: The "Breakfast with Santa" program was again a big success; New handicap access doors have been installed in the church; Fr. Gerard "Gerry" Gormley has instituted a family Mass once a month which has become vey popular; the R.C.I.A. program currently has 3-4 candidates;

**C) Eureka – St. Bernard: Phil Minor** reported:

1. St. Bernard's has been working hard to update and revise its **parish website**. It is expected that the revised site will be on-line by November 26, 2009. All interested persons are urged to visit the site at [www.saintbernard.org](http://www.saintbernard.org).

2. **Christmas Mass and Childrens' Pageant** will once again be held at 4:00 p.m. December 24<sup>th</sup>. **All are welcome.**
3. St. Bernard Parish is again planning to place several **advertisements** in the local media announcing various events during the Advent/Christmas season.
4. The newly formed **Catholic Radio** public awareness group will be meeting on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., at St. Mary Church. All interested persons are invited to attend.
5. St. Bernard Parish is considering some exciting and innovative **fund-raising** activities for badly needed church refurbishing. Details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

**D) McKinleyville – Christ the King: Nancy Lawrence** reported that the Friday night Hispanic meetings are resuming and that Juana Garcia is recovering from surgery. Nancy also commented that while attending the Hispanic masses at Sacred Heart (Eureka) she has noticed that attendance is very good and that **Fr. Mora** is highly regarded by the Hispanic community there.

**E) Eureka – Sacred Heart: Gina Costa** reported the following: The first **major repair** project to church facilities has been completed; the **tabernacle** has been relocated and a large **crucifix** has been hung above the alter; in addition, a crucifix has been placed in the chapel; a **bilingual mass** was held on Thanksgiving and another is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>; a beautiful service was held on **All-souls Day**, which included many pictures of departed loved ones; the civil **law suit** concerning a woman who was injured on church property has been finally settled. It was also noted that an announcement for the R.C.I.A. program has been broadcast on Immaculate Heart Radio several times in recent days.

5. The DPC **Executive Board** met on **November 14, 2009**. Highlights of that meeting were reported by **Lou & Pat Bull** as follows: **Sonoma North Deanery** generously funded the purchase (through an anonymous donor) of a **power point projector** to be used by the Exec. Board Projects Committee, Project Coordinator, Len Marabella; the **2010 Annual Plenary Session** is scheduled for **March 20, 2010**, at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Ukiah. The program and its particulars are now being developed as a cost-saving measure, the **North Coast Catholic** will no longer be mailed to individuals; it will be sent to parishes for distribution; further information can be found by visiting the DPC website at [santarosadpc.com](http://santarosadpc.com) for the latest updates.

6. A general discussion was held regarding the need for greater participation of DPC Representatives at the deanery level. Pat Bull offered to compose a letter to be sent to all parishes who are not active in the H-DN deanery soliciting their involvement.

7. **Next meeting** is scheduled for **February 27, 2010, 10:00 a.m.**, St. Mary Church, Arcata

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.