

**Humboldt – Del Norte Deanery
Diocesan Pastoral Council**

Minutes

**April 17, 2010
St. Mary Church, Arcata**

Present: Gina and Dennis Costa, Phil Minor, Doug Williams, and Jim Dimmick (guest alternate)

1. Meeting was **called to order** at 10:10 a.m. by Chairperson Dennis Costa. Dennis announced that **Lou and Pat Bull** would not be attending the meeting due to Lou's medical condition and hip surgery that was to occur this morning. Nancy Lawrence is recovering from pneumonia and could not attend.

All present were asked to keep them in our prayers.

2. **Minutes** of the previous meeting (02-20-10) were approved as read.
3. **Catholic Radio public awareness group** (aka "Friends of Immaculate Heart Radio") Phil Minor reported that the committee met this morning to critique a flyer for posting on common public bulletin boards, e.g., Laundromats, rescue missions, etc. Phil shared a copy of a draft flyer and received various suggestions for improvement from the deanery members. He also stated that all Catholic churches in the Humboldt Bay area have recently received from the committee a suggested announcement for placement in the weekly church bulletin, publicizing Immaculate Heart Radio.
4. **DPC Annual; Plenary Session:** Phil Minor gave a report on the annual Plenary Session which was held in Ukiah on March 20, 2010. The meeting theme was "Energizing the Laity". Phil highlighted the high level of interest shown by participants (in spite of lighter than expected attendance) and a most impressive presentation given by Bishop Walsh.

Members strongly expressed a need to receive a summary report of the Plenary Session.

5. Report of the **DPC Executive Board Meeting** April 10, 2010: In the absence of Lou and Pat Bull, **Dennis Costa** shared information he had received concerning the Board Meeting. He discussed the upcoming election of Board officers; the resignation of Executive Secretary, Yvette Fallandy; task force committees for the Lay Pastoral Director Project and Communications Task Force. Doug Williams asked if the Executive Board had taken any action concerning a request that a procedure be developed to consolidate two or more parishes, if and when necessitated by a priest shortage. The Board meeting minutes reflect that the

Board agreed to gather further information and consider the matter at its next meeting on June 12, 2010.

A copy of the Executive Board minutes was available for members to peruse.

6. **Parish Reports:**

- a. Arcata - **St. Mary: Doug Williams** reported the following:
Two individuals received full rites of initiation and two received confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass. A total of \$484.71 was collected from the Lenten Meager Meals project and sent to St. Vincent de Paul dining facility in Eureka.
The annual donation to the facility from St. Mary's is \$700.
Fr. Gerry Gormley's Lenten project entitled "**Penny Power for Haiti**" was a big success, raising a total of \$3187.88.
- b. Hoopa – **Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Mission** – Dennis shared information he received, highlighting the following: **Sr. Pat Carson** is returning to her home town to be inducted into her High School Hall of Fame; the April **rummage sale** fundraiser was again a success; on May 14, the Hoopa Mission will host a visit from the **National Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions**; and plans are underway for the annual **golf tournament on May 22, 2010**.
- c. Eureka – **Sacred Heart: Gina Costa** reported the following: A new seminarian, Gabriel, is now in residence at the parish; the Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses were conducted in a bilingual mode and well received by all; Fr. Mora has decided to form a Parish Council, members are being sought; and, a permanent fundraising committee is being established for the parish.
- d. Eureka – **St. Bernard: Phil Minor** reported:
Fr. Allen reported that there is now **Extraordinary Minister service** available at St. Joseph Hospital seven days a week; Nine individuals received full rites of initiation and six received Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass; on May 16, twelve people are scheduled to receive First Communion and on that same day the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at St. Mary Church, Arcata, for all churches in our area. On April 12, **Fr. David Anderson**, Eastern Rite, will begin a seven week lecture series on the Gospel of John. The **Annual Parish Picnic** is scheduled for July 17th at Freshwater Park, all are welcome.

7. A general discussion was held regarding the need for more DPC minority representatives in our H-DN Deanery Assembly. Members present are encouraged to identify individuals who might be interested.

8. **Next meeting** is scheduled for **June 26, 2010, 10:00 a.m.**, St. Mary Church, Arcata

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m.