

**FINAL Minutes of
Sonoma North Deanery Meeting
August 25, 2007
St. John the Baptist - Healdsburg**

Meeting Opening:

Attending: Mike Wall and Yvette Fallandy (St. Eugene's), Colleen McMahon, Kevin Connolly and Bob Leet (Resurrection), Len Marabella (St. Rose), Mel Amato (St. John's), Ella Rozett (St. Philip's & St. Teresa's) and Helen Chapman (Star of the Valley)

Mike Wall called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM, followed by introductions.

Opening Prayer: Mel Amato shared several prayers for vocations from the USCCB website. We each took a turn reading a prayer.

Minutes and Agenda: Len Marabella made a motion to accept the draft minutes of July 28, 2007 as the final minutes. The motion was seconded by Kevin Connolly. Bob Leet suggested that the Deanery Communiqués for the Executive Committee be moved to follow the New Business. The current agenda was then approved.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Continuing Business:

Evangelization Committee: Bob Leet has prepared a DPC report that will be printed in Resurrection's Sunday bulletin on 8/26/07 requesting suggestions for seeking out Catholics who are not presently active. He shared a copy of an advertisement for 2 different outreach programs sponsored by the Paulists. This is just one of the ideas that can be suggested to the Bishop as a source for implementing Evangelization. The Evangelization Committee will propose several programs that the Bishop can review and pass onto parishes.

Mel Amato commented on his recent research of the Paulist program, Envision. He has found someone to help pay the costs. The program can be attended on line as well as attending sessions held in Washington DC. Envision is a Paulist process, not a canned program, for discerning what will work within a particular parish. This is a process which can be brought before the Bishop for his review.

Bob Leet stated that St. Leo's has invited those from an old parish list to their anniversary celebration.

Ella Rozett asked what had become of the suggestion made at the June meeting regarding making phone calls to past members. This is also another suggestion that can be presented to the Bishop for ideas to pass on to the parishes for Evangelization.

Bob Leet said that he hopes to use the Plenary session in April to bring all these ideas together and use the Plenary meeting as a sounding board.

Executive Committee: Len Marabella asked about the upcoming meeting in Eureka during October. Yvette Fallandy said that it will be the regularly scheduled Executive

Board meeting, which will be open to the public for further discussions on Evangelization. The dates are October 6th and 7th. There will be lunch served on Saturday followed by the meeting, Mass, dinner and an evening program. The next morning will include a pancake breakfast. If there are enough interested attendees, a van may be rented to drive up together. This is a great opportunity to reach out to our fellow Catholics within our own Diocese.

Yvette Fallandy asked if anyone had any information regarding the meeting that Sr. Olive was having on Monday, 9/24/07. Colleen McMahon stated that it was a Generations of Faith gathering with a Bishop from Los Angeles as a speaker. The class is being held from 9:00 to 3:00 at the diocese offices. Bob Leet said that he had not seen any advertising regarding this event.

Website: Bob Leet mentioned that there seemed to be a problem getting the minutes posted to the website. Colleen McMahon indicated that this deanery's minutes were behind schedule because she was not at the last meeting. She will have both the June and July final minutes submitted to the webmaster shortly after this meeting. Bob Leet said that he was concerned about some of the other deaneries not utilizing the website. Again, the subject was brought up about writing and posting a summary of the minutes. Len Marabella has agreed to prepare a summary of the minutes after receiving a copy of the draft minutes. He will then forward the summary to all members for review and the summary of the minutes will be approved along with the final minutes at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parish Reports:

Resurrection: Kevin Connolly said that he and his wife showed a video of their 18 day tour of China with focus on the Church in China to the Peace & Justice Ministry. Perhaps he can make it available to the entire parish or to the DPC. He also stated that they are in the process of naming the buildings. The suggestions have been received and the next step will be to identify and choose the names to use. The building names will be posted in English and Spanish. Colleen McMahon reported that the Oktoberfest is coming up on Saturday, 9/15/07, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. There will be lots of food and entertainment. Also, the Generations of Faith core team has been established and there will be an upcoming call to all parishioners to come forward for participation as well as some personal contact for certain leadership positions. There is also the possibility that this year will be the last year for the regular CCD program. If Generations of Faith is successful, Resurrection will make it the primary method of catechesis.

St. Rose: Len Marabella stated that they are busy working on their Generations of Faith program as well. Matt Connolly, the Youth minister, has been promoting the program. Their annual festival is being held on Sunday, September 16, 2007. There has been some discussion of adding another Hispanic Mass. They are proposing to change the 7:30 Sunday morning Mass to a Hispanic Mass, but the change is still in its initial discussion.

St. John the Baptist: Mel Amato reported that Fr. Luiz Martinez has become the new Associate Pastor. The major fundraiser for the year will be their annual "Crush" held in

October. The newly renovated Art & Library opened, but is not fully staffed yet. The staffing is expected to be complete next month. There have been tours of the facility. The school is doing well and their annual tuition is approximately \$5,000.

St. Philip & St. Teresa: Ella Rozett said that there is little activity at St. Phillip's. She said that she had tried to replace the aging Ladies Guild with a Women's Group, but that group didn't work out. Not much going on at the Parish.

Star of the Valley: Helen Chapman said that they have started a singles group, which includes widowed or never married. These people are lonely and since there was a need, they started this group. The gatherings begin with a Mass at 4:00 and then are followed by a social event. The attendees were called and personally invited. They are also creating another group for those who are caregivers.

St. Eugene's: Yvette Fallandy reported that Carolee Solak from St. Eugene's has been named as Catholic Woman of the Year. There will be a celebration for her at St. Sebastian's Catholic Church in Sebastopol. Mike Wall reported that they are ready to launch their 2nd year of Generations of Faith. Monsignor Pulskamp said that the finance committee has approved the budget and that the Parish is in the black. He also said that the Parish Council has completed its change to the Pastoral Council. A sub-committee has been established to review the necessary deferred maintenance of the plant.

Bishop Walsh's Response:

Len Marabella discussed the Bishop's response he received concerning the Pope's alleged statements regarding ecumenism and the one true church and the continuance of the Latin Mass. The Bishop's first comment to Len was whether he had read the documents. Len replied that he had and found that they were difficult to understand and that the majority of people would not be reading those documents for an explanation. The Bishop responded that he is in the process of writing a letter to the parishes to be distributed in October that will address these concerns coming from the Vatican. Mel Amato pointed out that the one true Church statement in question (not about the Latin Mass) was a document issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, not a statement by the Pope as mistakenly represented in the media. Mel then distributed a copy of the CDF document and noted that at 1 ½ pages, it was very short for a CDF publication. He also distributed copies of 8 related articles on both the CDF document and the Latin Mass. It was generally agreed that the DPC should continue to ask for comments and explanations from the Bishop whenever there is a publication that causes concern or confusion involving Catholics. However, a vote was not taken. Bob Leet passed out an article of a book review on a book entitled "Catholicism at the Crossroads, How the Laity Can Save the Church" by Paul Lakeland.

Deanery Communiques for the Executive Committee/Bishop: Bob Leet will take the DPC's request for a timely response from the Bishop to articles and/or comments in the secular media that cause confusion among Catholics and the wider community.

Closing:

Review of items to be communicated to each parish:

Len Marabella will furnish the summary of the minutes that will be available to use at the parish level once they are approved. Yvette Fallandy will provide a write up regarding the upcoming Executive Board meeting in October being held in Eureka.

Reminder of next meeting place:

Our next meeting will be at St. Phillip's in Occidental on September 29, 2007.

Closing prayer:

Mel Amato read another prayer for vocations and we all followed with the Our Father.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

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