



Minutes of Peace and Justice Deanery Network – General Meeting December 1, 2007 10:00 a.m. Marywood Center

Our Next Quarterly General Meeting: March 1st at 10:00 a.m. at Marywood Center

The meeting opened with prayer.

Faithful Citizenship

Bishop Dominic Luong spoke to us about the Faithful Citizenship document just released by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB). Key points:

- Bishops and clergy need to preach Social Justice; spread the good news.
- All of us need to educate ourselves and help form the consciences of our fellow Catholics regarding the Catholic Church's position on specific issues with precise and clear information.
- We need to not just talk about the issues; we need to take action. We have lots of homework.
- Catholics need to be informed to more intelligently cast ballots.
- To make a difference, we need to encourage Catholics to register to vote and to vote.
- The Catholic Church needs to partner with other Christian churches regarding life issues.
- Please study the document; become familiar with it to be prepared to explain and defend it.
- The document can be found on the web <http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/FCStatement.pdf>

Las Posadas (December 17th at 6:00 p.m. – meet at St. Callistus)

- Debbie Phares (OCCCO), Paty Madueno (St. Joachim and OCCCO), and Mike Clements (Deanery Peace & Justice Network member-at-large) were our speakers and motivators to a successful Las Posadas.
- Our theme ***Our Children – Our Future***
- Will process around UCI Medical Center.
- Why did we choose UCI Medical Center? Because these facilities are under-funded and we need to provide children access to Healthcare. We're here to help UCI Medical Center.

Remaining Action Items for the Las Posadas event December 17th:

Each Parish – please:

- Commit to bring at least 10-20 people to the Las Posadas event. The media will give us coverage if we have LOTS of people - over 100 people will make the difference!
- Bring anyone who can give a testimony – they will lose healthcare, or they need healthcare.
- Encourage families with children to attend.
- If you play the guitar, come and play for our Christmas songs and Las Posadas song.
- Ask your parish to donate \$100 towards the cost of two buses. Make checks payable to St. Callistus Church. Send check to the attention of Fr. Fr. Nguyen.
- Ask your Religious Education group; Parish school; RCIA group; Guadalupe group to attend.
- Each parish or organizations, please bring a parish banner and/or banner of the groups that come to the event.
- Identify and invite key leaders that you can approach.
- Invite parishioners join a car pool and/or caravan to St. Callistus.

Each Deanery- please:

- Bring \$25 worth of Mexican pastries to St. Callistus for our reception.



Everyone will receive electronic copies of:

- Handouts and information regarding the Healthcare issue
- Las Posadas flyer in English & Spanish
- Bulletin Notice for Parish Bulletin
- After-Mass announcement

Other Information:

- Fr. Robert Capone of St. Joseph is the head of the Council of Priest Social Action Committee
- *(Just announced)* Shirl Giamone, Chancellor for Diocese of Orange, has been assigned by Bishop Brown to temporarily oversee the Respect Life and Peace & Justice Groups for the Diocese *(changed from Fr. Heher)*

Bishop Luong ended our meeting in prayer

Respectfully submitted
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