

Latino Commission Meeting Minutes of St. John Neumann
March 8, 2012

Participants:

Danielle Baas Molliver, Leilani Rodríguez, David Rodríguez, Gerardo Rosas, Jenny Correa, Fernando Loyola, Francisco Castillo, Adriana Morlaes

• **Summary of the meeting held in "Lighthouse" with Father Charlie.**

All agreed that it was a great way to understand more about the dynamics of how St. John Neumann works, our possibilities and limitations. Positive and most importantly it was a good opportunity to get to know our pastor, Father Charlie.

• **Recent Participation of Fr. Michael on the Weekends**

There was very positive feedback about Fr. Michael and Danielle spoke of the possibility of having him visit more frequently after the conclusion of Lent. He will be with us again March 31st. We all agreed that his participation would complement Fr. Lorenzo's and would enhance Saturday's liturgy. We would like to have him offer more adult formation. He has been participating in the prayer group.

• **Celebration-- 44th anniversary of ordination of Fr. Lorenzo.**

After mass on the 10th we will have hospitality to thank and celebrate Lorenzo's ordination. We appointed Carlos and Silvana Palacios to read a few words during the celebration of the Eucharist after the announcements.

• **Review of the goals and objectives set by the Latino Commission for the period 2011-2013.**

Among the points discussed:

- We will work more with other commissions to help with volunteer training, recruitment(Shared Ministry) and Liturgical formation(Liturgy) and Faith Formation/ Youth Groups)Continue to work on integration where and when appropriate.
- Want to shift Bible Studies to a more dynamic adult faith formation format.
- Pastoral care is an area of ministry where there are almost no ministries other than collaboration with Parish Health and we would like to collaborate more on other ministries but realize this is a longer term goals.

Youth Group

Leilani submitted the formal plan for the youth group for the upcoming year.

• **Upcoming activities:**

- The upcoming prayer group Retreat on 17 March. Gerardo explained the details of the program and the content the retreat.
- Easter Vigil on Holy Thursday(foot washing as well) to Easter Sunday
- Resurrection mass 2pm Easter Sunday
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• **Suggestions:**

- The prayer group proposed another additional training day both for participants in the Group and the community in general. We discussed the possibility of doing it on Wednesdays, but we did not come to an agreement, understanding that there are already trainings scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. Danielle suggested this be on Saturdays in lieu of bible studies.
- It was suggested to call upon the readers to put more emphasis on reading the announcements. Danielle will assure that like the petitions, they receive them mid-week so they can practice like they do with the readings.

- It was agreed on praying the Stations of the Cross every Saturday of the remainder of Lent instead of the recitation of the Rosary since many can't attend on Fridays.
- Options were discussed to motivate new volunteers to join the community in service through SJN. We mentioned the possibilities that priests could make a call during the homilies, that they could encourage people during bible studies and also to reach out to the parents Catechism students; as well as "one on one" or personal motivation. Danielle reminded us that every year we collaborate with Shared Ministry but until recently, the celebrations were not implemented as planned despite all the resources. This coming fall we will fully collaborate with Shared ministry and ALL VOLUNTEERS will be asked to fill out sign up sheet to make sure they are in the database.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Francisco Castillo

Next Meeting April 12th,2012