

St. Joseph Deanery

Since our last diocesan convention, the St. Joseph Deanery has been continuing to share parish experiences and resources available for formation and mission.

As we had contributed to a number of projects in 2008 (reported in the 2009 Journal), we were fortunate to be able to follow up on a number of them. These included viewing and discussing “Voices of Witness, Africa” and a presentation by Paul Flickinger on the water purification systems. We also had a presentation and discussion on the Confirmation Customary led by Gennie Callard. The Church of the Epiphany, South Haven, keeps us posted on their work with the orphanage in Honduras as well our support of the Nursing School in Haiti.

This year we decided to make available a small scholarship to each camper from the St. Joseph Deanery who applies. In the past we had made large contributions if a church applied, but we felt that a small amount to each camper did more to build interest in camp. We also encouraged parishes to find ways to raise funds within the parish throughout the year so that any child who wishes may attend camp.

Again, our attendance continues to be high and there is a lot of interest in sharing our parish activities and exploring ways to work together.

We look forward to 2010 with continued sharing of ideas and collaboration on projects.

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