



Building Networks

Beginning with Prayer



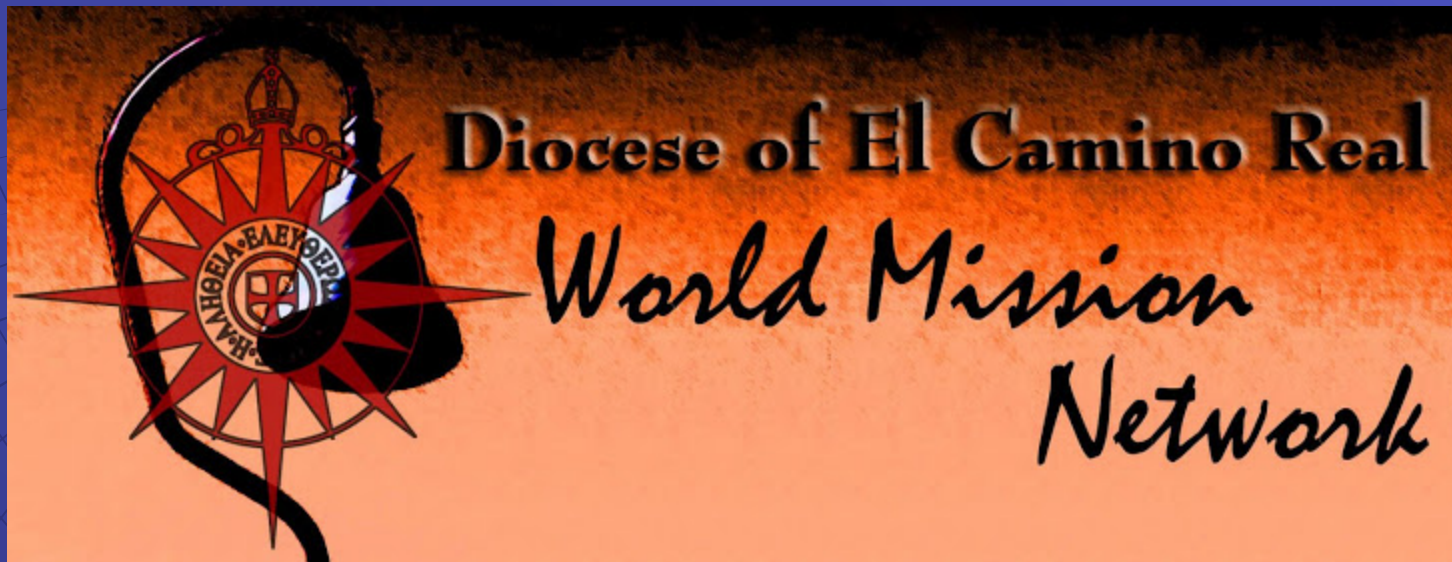
**Building
Networks**



With PRAYER !

Some background





BoT/SC Retreat January 2013

- ◆ Bishop Mary and the Board of Trustees and the Standing Committee and Diocesan Officers and Staff met
- ◆ Goal of growing in community
 - Bishop Mary and Canons Brian and Jesus begin each day praying for each of the 47 congregations in the diocese!

BoT/SC Retreat January 2013

- ◆ In order to expand this network of prayer
 - Bishop Mary asked each of us (the members of the BoT / SC/ Officers/ Staff = to pray for 3 congregations other than our own.
 - The diocese previously made up a list with assignments-which were handed out-

What we were asked to do

- ◆ Contact each congregation
- ◆ Ask what prayer would be most helpful and appreciated
- ◆ PRAY !

A personal example

- ◆ My assignments
 - Trinity Cathedral and Guadalupe
 - St. Mark's, Santa Clara
 - San Pablo, Apostol, Seaside
- ◆ My contacts
 - The Rector or Vicar

What they asked for in prayer

- ◆ Their re-developing Latino ministry, work in Africa, search for a new music director, their community outreach programs, a college for adults with mental health issues, feedings at downtown shelters
- ◆ The plan to build relationships with and serve the community outside their doors

What we do

- ◆ Pray individually
- ◆ Pray as a parish
 - At each service
 - Provide information in our bulletin
 - Make visits with each other - in the future

Has anyone ever asked:

- ◆ What is your congregation's deepest need?
- ◆ What is your greatest hope?
- ◆ What is your most joyous celebration?
- ◆ How can we- the deanery- help each other?
- ◆ Can we begin with prayer?

Why Pray ?



More things are wrought
by PRAYER
than this world
dreams of

Alfred, Lord Tennyson



“Lord, teach us to pray” Luke 11:1

