

Archbishop José Gómez welcomed to Deanery 1



*L'archevêque-coadjuteur de Los Angeles
a visité le doyenné 1.
A cette occasion une messe solennelle a été célébrée
dans la Paroisse St. Louis de Montfort à Santa Maria.
Mgr. José Gómez succédera en mars 2011
à l'actuel archevêque, le Cardinal Mahony.*

St. Louis de Montfort parish hosted the first Deanery Mass for the next Archbishop of Los Angeles, the Most Rev. José Gómez on Sunday, June 20, 2010 at the 11:30 Mass. The Archbishop-Coadjutor was the principal celebrant of the bilingual Mass with Frs. Charles, Alidor, Franklin, and the pastor of Santa Inés Mission, Rev. Gerald Barron, OFM Cap. About ten permanent deacons attended the Mass. All other priests in the deanery, including Josephites, were otherwise engaged with Sunday Masses.

The church had over 900 parishioners from the Deanery – St. Louis de Montfort, St. Mary of the Assumption, St. John Newman, Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Purísima Concepción, Queen of Angels, Immaculate Conception, and Old Mission Santa Inés – crowded into the Church.

The Knights of Columbus 4th degree Color Corps provided the guard of honor.



Following the Mass the parishioners with banners of their parish processed to the parish hall where a reception was held, and the Parish Council Representative spoke briefly about their parish, giving information on programs, the number of priests in their parish, their school. Using a very large map of the parishes in Deanery 1, the Archbishop was able to learn more about this most northern part of the Archdiocese of which he will become the next Archbishop in March 2011. For the next several months, the Archbishop will travel to all 25 deaneries in the Archdiocese to get to know the people.

Archbishop Gómez was appointed in May; he was the Archbishop of San Antonio, Texas, at the time. He was formally welcomed in Los Angeles at a welcoming Mass by Cardinal Mahony, who will retire after 25 years as Archbishop of Los Angeles when he reaches the mandatory retirement age of 75 next March. The welcoming Mass was held in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on May 26, 2010 with 45 bishops, over 300 priests and about 4,000 people.

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