

# Summary of the 9/22/09 Meeting of the Society of Apostolic Executives

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*The following was written by one of the meeting attendees, Betty Winkler.*

Bishop Dominic began with setting the scene: "We will celebrate mass as the original Apostles did around a table preparing to break bread." It was inspiring to have him well and with us in this intimate forum. The reading from the prophet Ezra told the story of the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem in the rein of the Emperor Darius. Bishop said, "It was God's plan through Darius but it needed human hands. God's plan needs our creativity, talent and time."

Tom Markel began with remarks about Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth) and the interpretations, and asked for comments and personal experiences with employees in the crisis in our economy. Ken Bui and Lang Pham shared some of their decisions. Bishop shared his experience in Rochester, NY with Kodak and their profit sharing policy with employees. He was also successful in securing employment and nurturing support for 60 Vietnamese immigrants 40 years ago.

Lang emphasized that the family needs to be a priority and that the relationship between husband and wife is subject to strain in normal times, but this stress and strain becomes more intense in times of threats to the business. This aspect of family will be a topic for a future meeting. It occurred to me that this tension might be greater in the Vietnamese community because the women may be seeking the feminist fulfillment that is still the subject of many talk shows and women magazines. This generation American women have been dealing with this self realization goal for 60 years and may have arrived at a compromise position. In the 21st century Christ-centered family, how is the role of wife realized?



**Bishop Dominic with some of the attendees of our 9/22/09 meeting**