

## Respect Life Ministry Minutes May 14, 2021

Present: Cathy Peters, Ethel Unger, Judy Schwiesthal, Alison Seeber, Mary Fogarty

Meeting opened with a prayer specifically for St. Paul Pastoral Council each member by name

### Old Business:

- Fr. Tetzl agreed to presentation to Pastoral Council on May 25th at their regular monthly gathering at 7 PM. Any one of us wanted to attend the meeting with her we are welcome.
- Reviewed the April minutes...no changes
- Contacted Chesterton Academy and "Yes" they do have a very active "Students for life" group and received a "Thank You" from them for the \$50.00 we contributed to their ministry!

### New Business:

- Signed a "Thank you" Note to an anonymous donor who presented us with \$100.
- Katie Edmonds, who takes care of the St. Paul Website, has the "Respect Life" web page looking good and up to date with "Pro Life links" Current info is centered around our concern for the babies. Cathy will give the web info to the Pastoral Council on the 25th.
- Add info to get info to counselors at Silverton High. Cathy had a conversation with former Superintendent, Andy Bellando, and was told "the counselors have the info they need" She will readdress this topic with our new Youth Minister when that person is hired.
- A primary aim is to get our Youth Ministry more involved in our function in the parish to help them know what we do.
- Look at putting our meeting time when the "worker bees" who cannot attend during the day can attend.
- Look at ways to get Youth Group, Young married couple, Young adult Ministry more involved in Pro-Life Ministry. Help the Pastoral Council implement a "culture of life" in our parish...not just tell them what to do!!
- Look at supporting a "Ministry Faire" in the parish again when COVID restrictions are lifted to get the word out about many Parish Ministries including our own ...and always look for more pertinent information to add to our Parish Website!
- Reviewing the list of concerns for the St. Paul Respect Life Ministry that Cathy will give to the Pastoral Council at her meeting with them on the 25<sup>th</sup>, she asked if we had additional concerns, for example...

\*New Mom's Ministry (help with meals

\* Stewardship of time

\*Respite help for a family member w/ Dementia

\* Suicide Hotline info

\* Human Trafficking

- Cathy will give Pro-Life Rosary to each member of the Pastoral Council on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 2021 Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Our Speaker, Donna Morris, is a "yes" so long as she is healthy (Donna's concern!). Alison will speak to Mike McGee, the Piper. Cathy will commit on abortionmemorials.com website to the 18<sup>th</sup> of September (also O-fest weekend). We will begin to really advertise following next meeting.
- Discussion about Life Chain events. Should we sponsor one of our own in Silverton? Join Stayton? Keep supporting our "corner" in Salem? Ethel expressed concern that we might spreading available volunteers too thin with additional locations. Cathy to speak to Marie about this and report back in June. Alison suggested we stagger our Life Chain times so attendees could possibly attend more than one event. (caravan to each site! 😊)
- We discussed upcoming events (see list below) Decided to set November 13/14 as Bake Sale weekend and still plan on making Advent Wreaths as usual. Hopefully Mary Dunbar and family will still be available for this project. Still hoping to possibly support RE wreath making event, too.
- From Alison (from Bill, Silverton's KC GrandKnight): The Knights of Columbus at the State level now has a Pro Life activity fund that can provide matching funds to help pro-life activities at the council/parish level. The matching funds could be up to about \$3000 for an event. It may be a good match for a speaker or teacher event. Keep in mind, there is a director's fund in our council's budget of \$600 as well.

### Upcoming events...

Sept 16-19 Oktoberfest

Sept 18, 2021 Day of Remembrance

40 Days for Life Sept. 22- Oct 31

Oct 1-31, Respect Life Month (USCCB)

Oct. 2, 2021 Rosary Bowl

Oct. 3, 2021 Life Chain

Oct, 3, 2021 Respect Life Sunday

November....Bake Sale Nov. 13-14 or 20-21

December....Wreath Sale Nov 27-28