

## Respect Life Quarterly Meeting: Summer 2010 Recap

Thank you everyone for attending the August Quarterly meeting of Parish Respect Life Chairpersons and guests. With more than 30 attendees we had a fruitful, lively, and informative discussion.

The problem with facilitating the discussion and waiting two weeks before sending a recap out is that I have undoubtedly missed some of the discussion points. Please send me any comments or corrections.

- **Discussion on why we are here, what we are for, what will this group focus on**
  - Unity, strength in numbers
  - Share speakers; share costs
  - politics, voters guides
  - Promote Teen, pro-life groups and life curriculums for youths
  - Much discussion on education and advocacy
  - Not everyone had the opportunity to share their thoughts; please e-mail me your thoughts about our focus and your interests (as representative of your parish)**
  
- **How can the Office of LJP help?**
  - Help involve more parishes
  - Each month include in the newsletter one topic on a different life issue. Include petitions
  - Assess whether the Life portion of the Life, Justice and Peace website <http://www.archdpx.org/jprespect/pg%20Life.html> adequately informs RL persons on life issues and resources. Specific call out: add resources beneficial to committees and prayer intentions.
  - Promote prayer and opportunities for strengthening the family
  - Promote Catholic social teaching on Life and Dignity of the Human Person, and the writings of the Archbishop on this topic.
  
- **Committee Spotlights: Resurrection, St. Cecilia and Christ the King**

A sincere thank you to the presenters. This was a marvelous resource and use of our time. **I need three volunteers for our next meeting.**
  
- **Handouts**
  - **Respect Life Packet** (Note: Parish chairpersons: if you did not receive one let me know and I'll send you one) All parishes were mailed a packet last week.
  - **Flyer on Webinar, Pre-natal diagnosis:** There will be a showing at the Pastoral Center but because we are a NCPD member, we can view the webinar for free at home or with our own small groups!
  - **Survey: Please take a quick minute to fill these out and mail them to my office.**
  
- **Other**
  - Roe v Wade rally is January 16<sup>th</sup> in Salem
  - Diane Nobel [jackndi@caslo.net](mailto:jackndi@caslo.net) is coordinating a Walk for Life Youth Group Activity on January 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> is Respect Life Sunday. The Archbishop will be celebrating a Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral at 11:00 but instead of being *the* archdiocesan event, he is asking every pastor to celebrate their own RL Mass.
  - The Mass for all nascent human life is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral at 11:00.
  - Father Mockaitis' Catholic Sentinel letter for Respect Life Month is now available <http://www.catholic sentinel.org/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=12585&SectionID=4&SubSectionID=44&S=1>
  
- **Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 at Resurrection.**