

Respect Life Quarterly Meeting: Summer 2011 Recap

- **Welcome**
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Introductions**
- **News/Issues:**
 - Catholic Teaching on Life and Dignity of the Human Person.
 - (See Flyer). Contact Deacon Michael Caldwell if you want this presentation in your parish
 - Voter Registration Drive **APPROVED**
 - The Office will coordinate *as much as possible*. Suggested dates: April 15 and 22, 2012 after Easter (April 8). **Deadline to register and vote in the primaries is Wednesday April 25.** This has to be non-partisan and non-issue based.
 - USCCB's Physician-Assisted Suicide Statement: ***"To Live Each Day With Dignity"***→
"To live in a manner worthy of our human dignity, and to spend our final days on this earth in peace and comfort, surrounded by loved ones—that is the hope of each of us. In particular, Christian hope sees these final days as a time to prepare for our eternal destiny."

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/assisted-suicide/to-live-each-day/>
 - ORTL Conference: April 21st. I am not available: Plan to have someone monitor my table. Jim Brey will likely be able to help but can anyone else help out?
 - Priests for Life: Update. To summarize, any priest (from Priests for Life or not) can come in the Archdiocese to speak or concelebrate a mass, etc., as long as he has a testimony from his bishop sent to the Chancellor. This is standard protocol.
 - Respect Life Month materials: ***"I came that all might have life, and have it to the full."*** One copy for each Respect Life Ministry. These were mailed to each parish—attention Pastor—Thursday September 1st. **If you need your copy contact the Office (mcato@archdpdx.org) to have one mailed to you or to stop by.**
- **Round the Table**
 - **Talk about adding more prayer, faith-sharing or a rosary to our meetings**
 - **Susan B. Komen: do funds from Race for the Cure support Planned Parenthood?**

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- **Events:**

- **Thursday September 8: A Brief Discussion on Catholic Social Teaching: Life and Dignity of the Human Person.** 7:00 p.m. at St. Henry Catholic Church, 346 NW First St., Gresham 97030.
- **Tuesday September 20: Threats to the Lives of People with Disability, Part II: Physician-Assisted Suicide** 1:00-2:00 p.m. Presenters: Richard Doerflinger, Associate Director, USCCB, Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities; Fr. Dan Mindling, OFM Cap, Theologian, Academic Dean, Mt. St. Mary's Seminary; Sr. Janice McGrane, S.S.J., author, national presenter, disability advocate.

View it on your own computer or on a large screen with many others at the Pastoral Center (2838 E. Burnside)

Note: The webinar is free of charge since the Archdiocese of Portland is an Affiliate of NCPD

- **Saturday Sept 24: 40 Days for Life Opening Prayer Vigil.** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Life Change Christian Center, 3635 N. Williams Ave (near NE Fremont and Williams)
- **Wednesday September 28 - November 6: 40 Days for Life**
- **Rosary Bowl**, Saturday October 1st
- **Respect Life Mass:** October 2nd, 11:00 am at the Cathedral with Archbishop Vlazny **Folks asked if this could be postponed so they can be at their parish Respect Life masses**
- **Archdiocesan Parish Social Ministry Gathering: The Holy Spirit as Your Architect: Prayer and Inspiration for Your Parish Life and Social Ministries.** Sunday October 2nd: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Center, 2838 E. Burnside Street, Portland 97214
- **23rd Annual Tobin Lecture: Faith in Politics: Our Catholic Responsibility. With Keynote Speaker John L. Carr, Executive Director of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development at the United States Catholic Bishops' Conference.** Wednesday November 2: 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church, 3847 NE Glisan, Portland 97232.
- **Parish Social Ministry**
 - Committee Spotlights
 - See the Handout: Summary of the presentations from the past 5 meetings to give ideas for new ministries to become vibrant and sustainable
- **Amy Cookson:** monthly prayer vigil and an excellent monthly brochure (Amy will try and send one out to us when her co-chair returns)
- **Nina Rhea:** Planned Parenthood in our schools

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 29^h, 7:00-9:00, Resurrection