

Community Outreach Commission Report for Pastoral Council, March, 2019 Meeting

From Knights of Columbus, Pullman Council, February 20th Meeting

- Plans were discussed for hosting the pancake breakfast at the parish after the 8:30 am Sunday Mass on February 24. The Council will match the total collected 100% up to \$500. Proceeds will go to the parish Youth Group's annual mission trip. Follow up note: The event was successful, bringing in more than \$1000.
- It was decided to create a separate Pennies for Heaven account and to contribute an additional \$400 to it. This fund is used to support seminarians.
- Plans were discussed for the clergy appreciation dinner at the parish on March 23. Invitees will include local priests and their congregations and Sr. Eucharista from the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church in Spokane. Proceeds will go to the Sisters of Mary congregation.
- A meeting will be held in June to review and plan activities for the year ahead.

From Catholic Daughters' Activities for February and March

They had to cancel the February meeting twice. They postponed the Baked Potato Blast, and helped with the International Mardi Gras. Individual members are involved with Coast, the Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Pullman Regional Hospital, and Meals on Wheels.

From Social Justice Ministry March 7th Meeting

- **Family Promise:** "Comfort Food Cook Off" is Saturday, March 23, from 5—7 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Moscow. We will host families May 11 and 12.
- **Glass Recycling:** Collection of recyclable glass the last Sunday of each month has been successful. The next collections are March 31 and April 28. The discussion about possibly extending the collection to Saturday evening was tabled to May.
- **Advocacy Alerts:** Linea Johnson will send out alerts via Flock Notes in Sue McNamara's absence.
- **Helping Hands:** Three families welcomed babies this month. Currently 40 people have registered as Helping Hands participants. Meals are provided to individuals and families during times of illness, recovery or a birth. Parishioners are asked to contact Sue McNamara with names of people who may need meals.

- **Book Collection for Refugee Connection Spokane:** This project was very successful. Seven boxes of books for children and teens were delivered.
- **Food Bank Collection:** The semi-monthly Food Needs for the CAC food bank were distributed in February. It was noted that the food bank at WSU Women's Center called Rosarios Closet is in need of "everything." Francy will inquire at the Center about specific needs.
- **Diaper Donations:** It was decided that some research should be done regarding purchasing large quantities or off-brands to save money. Tim will contact the local hospital board and Bonita will research on-line purchases.
- **Dinner and Discussion: Niimiipuu and the Care for God's Creation:** Plans were discussed for this event, which will be held at the parish on March 21st. Free Tickets will be distributed at all Masses for March 9/10 and 16/17.

Challenges:

- **Dishwashing Ministry as an Environmental Ministry:**
The SJM would like to set up a Dishwashing Ministry in the parish, organized in the fashion of Helping Hands. Parishioners would be asked to be on a "call list" to wash dishes for events on sight or off in an effort to reuse rather than recycle dishes for events where food is served.

As with Helping Hands, people in the ministry would be contacted when needed. If they were available, they would help at the event by washing the dishes. If they were not available, they could say so and another person would be contacted from the list of people in the Ministry.
- **Light Weight Reusable Dishes and Glassware:**
- The SJM would like to purchase light weight, non-breakable dishes and plastic cups (glasses) that could be transported off site for events. This would replace recyclable plastic ware, which is no longer recyclable in Pullman. SJM will research where such dishes and glassware might be available.
- **Move Out Pitch In:** Volunteers will soon be needed for the collection in the last week of April through the first week of May. Collecting times are usually twice a day at about 11:00 to 12:00 and 4:00 to 5:00. Following collection there are opportunities to sort the items and then distribute them to organizations or people in need.
- **Plastic Bag Recycling:** Boxes for recycling plastic bags through Trex Recycling have been ordered for the parish by the Marketing Committee. Bill will contact the Committee to ask if SJM's support for this program is needed.
- **Quaker Advocacy Group:** Starting an inter-religious legislative advocacy group in Pullman through the Friends Committee for National Legislation was discussed. Fr. Steve suggested bringing this opportunity to the attention of the Inter-religious Clergy at the meeting on March 13th at CCUCC.