

Initial Meeting of the St. Mary Magdalene Global Solidarity Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 7:30 PM via Zoom

Present: John Newell, Sylvia Francis, Denise Charron-Prochownik, and Joyce Rothermel

Excused: Teresa Maynor, Bobbi Cass and Fr. Matt Hawkins

Each person shared a little about their interest in the topic of global solidarity and their involvement with our current global solidarity partners.

Joyce offered an opening prayer.

1. Review of Mission/Adopted as amended: St. Mary Magdalene Parish seeks to grow in awareness of our brothers and sisters around the world who are victims of hunger, poverty, injustice and war, to grow in solidarity with them in prayer, and act communally to support them in their struggles.

2. Presently are global solidarity partners include:

- Queen of Apostles Academy in Uganda (Fr. Fred's School – Fr. Fred formally served at St. Bede's)
- Partners in Progress, based in Pittsburgh, supporting rural sustainable and community development in Haiti (St. James Parishioners serve on their board and some parishioners have traveled to Haiti to learn about PIP's work)
- Bread for the World, a Christian organization educating and advocating for improved U.S. policy in support of global and domestic food security. (St. James Parish has been a covenant church of Bread for the World and conducted an annual offering of letters for several years.)
- Pittsburgh Catholic Diocesan Mission in Chimbote, Peru (was a project of SMM CCD this past Lent)

To fulfill our mission, we hope to have a calendar of activities throughout the liturgical year:

Lenten: Education and Almsgiving

Easter tide: Envelope for Catholic Relief Services

Summer/Ordinary Time:

- Missionary Appeal (speaker, prayer, and envelope)
- Catholic Relief Service (info, prayer, and envelope)
- World Mission Sunday (info, prayer, and envelope)
- Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Advent: Fair Trade Fair (typically but not 2020); request a special envelope for Advent for our 4 global partners. Set up two zoom educational events about our 4 global partners using slides, phot: 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent: Partners in Progress and Bread for the World (John and Joyce); 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent: Fr. Fred's School and Chimbote mission (Denise and Teresa)

Ask Emily Lippert to contact 10,000 Villages for possible relationship this year tha(t would not involve having a sale in the St. Bede cafeteria (unwise during the pandemic)

When possible, our parish community would like to involve the children in our CCD programs and our schools. We will ask Bobbi to do outreach to the schools.

3. Parish Centered Objectives for 2020-21: implement our calendar of activities for a base year

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- A. Fr. Fred's School: Denise
- B. Partners in Progress: John
- C. Chimbote Mission: Teresa
- D. Bread for the World: Joyce
- E. Info and Prayers for all others: Please let Joyce and/or Denise know if you can help with these

5. Other: Research immigration program begun by St. Benedict the Moor

Invite others to join our committee.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020 at 7:30 PM via Zoom