

Attendees: Philomena Cellilli, Angie Bernardo, Tony Fusco, Nancy Fusco, Dorothy DeLuca, Roseann Mertes, Karen Leyendecker

1. Opening Prayer – *Sal Bonfiglio's prayer from April Meeting was used*
Come Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, and be with us as we seek to make the world a safer dwelling place for all your creation – particularly the weakest and most vulnerable. We welcome our guests this evening, who share our passion for life. Pour out your graces so to allow all people of faith and good will to work together to meet the challenges that threaten the sanctity of life in our world. Come Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth. Amen.
2. New Meeting Night:
 - Going forward our meetings will take place on the 3rd Weds of the month.
 - Note, we are postponing the decision on the possible name change for our group.
3. Legislative Issues – Philomena Cellilli
 - Assisted Suicide Bill is being contested.
4. 4-H Fair
 - Well attended, had a lot of traffic
 - Kids were interested
 - How do we keep them interested?
 1. Pamphlets showing the stages of pregnancy
 2. Show 4-D Ultrasound Video
5. Life Chain – Oct 6th, 2019
 - Like the “Walk for Life” sponsored by the Diocese, could our kids get confirmation hours to participate?
 - Tables in Narthax 2 weekends prior to Life Chain, Sep 22nd and Sep 29th
 - Bulletin Blurbs 2 weekends prior to Life Chain, Sep 22nd and Sep 29th
 - Have Celebrating Priest at every Mass talk about it the weekend prior to Life Chain, Sep 29th
 - Ask Father if we can have Adoration at MMOG during Life Chain like we did last year, starting after the 12N Mass, ending at 3:30, when Life Chain ends.
 - Karen Leyendecker will ask Youth Group to attend
 - Karen Leyendecker will put something on the MMOG Website
 - We need to get posters and table from Carl
6. 2019 NJRTL Banquet Dinner May 3rd
 - Was well attended
 - Speaker and MC were both excellent
7. Diocesan Respect Life Rep Meeting
 - Phil and Tom attended
 - Focus was the Assisted Suicide Bill
 - Next Meeting: Sep 5th, **let Phil know if you want to go**
8. Focus on the Family – May 4th in NYC

- The event was denied access to the jumbotrons
- Used trucks to show the 4-D sonograms instead

9. Spiritual Adoption – Laura Boyle

- Would like to request that Laura send a preliminary proposal prior to Respect Life Rep meeting on Sep 5th

10. Other Parishes

- St. Joe's
 - Should Carl and Megan be added to our Respect Life Core?
 - Karen has video of Unplanned, they are looking for a date to show it, will be shown at St. Joe's
- St. Ann's
 - Phil will contact the Respect Life rep there to see if they would like to join us for some events.

11. Pam Stenzel

- Phil to talk to Fr. John about plans for this coming school year
- We would like to invite other Churches in our Deanery to join us
- We would like to host one of the Diocesan talks rather than run this ourselves

12. Consecration and Mass for our Ministry

- Sal will Consecrate us to Mary at our October meeting since October is Respect Life month

13. Respect Life Mass

- Jake suggested we have another Monday Night Mass dedicated to Respect Life
- Need to ask Father. Will have Jake take charge of this.

14. Closing Prayer – John Leyendecker

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name.

15. NEXT MEETING September 18th

- Opening Prayer: John
- Closing Prayer: John
- Tentative Agenda will be:
 - Diocesan ProLife Rep Meeting – report from those who attended
 - Life Chain – October 6th, 2PM – 3:30PM
 - Consecration to start October Meeting
 - Pam Stenzel?
 - Unplanned at St. Joe's?
 - Spiritual Adoption - Laura
 - Monday Night Mass for Respect Life - Jake
 - Propose change of ministry name to align with Diocese and USCCB

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Minutes respectfully submitted by Dorothy DeLuca.