

Mary Mother of God – Respect for Life Meeting

March 23rd, 2017

Attendees: Philomena Cellilli, Dorothy DeLuca, Marianne Khare, Nancy Fusco, Laura Boyle, John Leyendecker, Karen Leyendecker, Carl Snipes, Don Bragger, Francisco Marin, Michelle Marin

ITEMS IN RED BELOW ARE ACTION ITEMS – PLEASE LOOK TO SEE IF ANY ITEMS ARE ASSIGNED TO YOU.
STATUS UPDATES ARE GREEN.

1. Opening Prayer – Carl Snipes

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, and continue to remind us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth, for the greater glory of you, and for the service of humanity. We ask these things in your name, Amen.

2. NJRTL/SCRTL Update –Carl

- NJRTL Banquet
 - April 28th at the Hyatt Regency
 - Starr Parker and Keven Sorbo (acted in God's Not Dead) will be speakers
 - SCRTL will not be subsidizing the cost of the banquet this year, cost will be \$80 each
 - We have a table of 10
 - Committed so far: Barbara Gural, Carl Snipes, Laura Boyle, Marianne Khare, Dorothy DeLuca
 - **ACTION ITEM: Dorothy will confirm the following:** Fr. Sean, Bernard Oles, Angie Bernardo, Roseann Mertes
 - Do we want to have an ad in the conference booklet? Cost is \$200 for a ¼ page ad.
ACTION ITEM: Phil is going to ask Fr. Sean.

3. Diocesan Respect Life Meeting – Marianne Khare

- Brought lots of free materials: literature, pictures and videos
- Topics of discussion:
 1. NJ Aid in Dying bill which still needs to be voted on in the Senate
[Click here](#) to take action – Select the Action Alert for S2474
 2. 20/20 Project – NJ Pain Capable Act – ban abortions after 20 weeks by 2020
[Click here](#) to take action – Select the Action Alert for A3452/S2026
ACTION ITEM: Marianne is going to look into getting 20/20 pledge cards in time for our April 1st/2nd Respect Life Ministry Day – Marianne found that the cost of the cards is \$10 per 50 cards. We are going to look into printing them ourselves.

Much more information available at: <http://babiesinthewombfeelpain.com/> including the pledge cards, pulpit announcements, brochures and more. They

also have a conference call the last Tues of each month which you can register for by calling 973-497-4500.

3. The diocesan Teen Chastity program – Talks by Pam Stenzel Mar 28/29
 4. 40 Days for Life – March 1st – April 9th – more info at <https://40daysforlife.com/>
 5. Assisted Suicide Video – [Videos available from the USCCB](#)
 6. A Contraception Video
 7. All who attended the meeting voted on the Pro-Life posters submitted by students throughout the Diocese – Marianne showed pictures of her favorites
4. Website Update – Karen and Dorothy
- Karen updated the Respect Life logo on the home page
 - The Respect Life web page now has legislative items in the left column
5. Hispanic Community Update – Francisco & Michelle Marin
- Msgr John Gordon spoke to the Hispanic Community about the NJ Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act. He spoke about what action should be taken to defeat this bill. [Click here](#) to take action – Select the Action Alert for S2474.
 - We discussed the MMOG Spanish Website. Francisco mentioned that it was not utilized heavily by the Hispanic community, that information was disseminated more by word of mouth. We discussed how we might get people to use it more. The site is still a work in progress. It does not have any of the social ministries translated.
6. April 1st/2nd Ministry Day – Philomena Cillilli
- Phil suggested we have a person speak at each Mass after the announcements to promote Respect Life.
ACTION ITEM: Phil is going to ask Father if we can do this. – Phil contacted Father. Still need to work this, plan is to have the Respect Life person read the final announcements followed by the Respect Life announcement.
ACTION ITEM: If approved by Father, Phil will ask Sal to write something up – Phil spoke to Sal
ACTION ITEM: If approved by Father, Sal will write up Respect Life announcement – What Sal presented:
As you’ve noticed, each weekend the many ministries we have at Mary, Mother of God are being highlighted in the gathering space. This weekend is the “Respect Life” ministry, of which I’m a part. Our motto is, “Every Life is Worth Living”.

The goal of the Respect Life Ministry is to spread the word that we must cherish and uphold the sanctity of life from the moment of conception to natural death. Our ministry is consecrated to the model family of Mary and Joseph, on whose intercession we rely.

Our ministry provides leadership, encouragement, and active participation in all areas that support the sanctity of life. If this is something you may be interested in, please stop by our table after Mass and take a flyer to learn more about what we do.

- Who is working each Mass:
 - 5PM – Phil, Dorothy, Carl, Marianne, Nancy – Mai will read the Respect Life Promotion. Francisco is going to provide Mexican bread for refreshments and Carl will prepare coffee
 - 6:30PM – Francisco, Phil, Dorothy, and any one else who stays from 5PM – Francisco will read the Respect Life Promotion. Francisco is going to provide Mexican bread, Carl will prepare coffee – All will clean up kitchen and hall afterward.

ACTION ITEM: Dorothy will find out how many donuts/bagels are used at the 10:30 Mass so we have an idea of how much Mexican Bread is needed. – Margie said at 10:30 they go through 12 dozen donuts and 4 dozen bagels.

- 7:30AM – John, Don Bragger, Carl, Phil – Carl will read the Respect Life Promotion. It is a coffee social Sunday, so Margie will prepare coffee and donuts/bagels.
- 9AM – John, Karen, Carl, Phil – Karen (??) will read the Respect Life Promotion. Coffee and Donuts/Bagels will be ready.
- 10:30AM – Laura, Phil, Marianne, Carl, Karen – Phil will read the Respect Life Promotion. Coffee and Donuts/Bagels will be ready. We will need to take over from Margie since normally she would have cleaned up when done with the 10:30 crowd. We need to make sure we have enough coffee left over, or we need to make more (Carl can do this).
- 12N – Laura, Phil, Marianne, Carl, Dorothy – Marianne will read the Respect Life Promotion. Coffee and Donuts/Bagels will be ready. We will need to clean up the kitchen and hall when done. **ACTION ITEM: Dorothy to confirm that Margie asked the office to add donuts and bagels for the 12N Mass. – Margie did ask the office, I need to confirm with Patty**
- We will meet Monday night after Mass to finalize tasks

- **ACTION ITEM: 5PM Crew: We need to make sure we have cream for the coffee at 5PM. Napkins, and items like that.**
- **ACTION ITEM: John and Karen will work on a slide show to be shown in the hall between Masses, and on a laptop in the gathering space.**
- Nancy created an awesome handout. Laura suggested a bulletin insert, so we will submit Nancy's handout to be used for the insert. The insert must go to the office by Monday.

ACTION ITEM: Nancy needs to email the insert file to Phil – Nancy's flyer forwarded to Phil, modified slightly.

ACTION ITEM: Phil needs to send the insert to Patty in the office by Monday – Phil sent to Patty to be an insert.

7. NEXT MEETING April 27th

- Opening Prayer: ??
- Closing Prayer: ??