

Attendees: Philomena Cellilli, Carl Snipes, Trudy Madden, Laura Boyle, Roseanne Mertes, John Leyendecker, Karen Leyendecker, Marianne Khare, Angie Bernardo

1. Opening 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 defence 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. Amen.*

2. Hispanic Festival Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

- was successful. Money earned from fundraiser went to Fr. Sean's retirement fund.

3. Life Chain

- Not a lot of people signed up for the Life Chain. There were too many things going on.
- Dorothy counted attendance at the Life Chain, 40 people.
- Will ask Dorothy how many postcards we got for 20/20.

4. Coast to Coast Rosary

- Very successful
- It was started at 2PM

5. Diocesan ProLife Rep Meeting – Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

- They brought samples of the magnets, posters and Patrick Coffin's book, The Contraception Deception.
- On Jennifer Hinton's speech, the theme was Pope John Paul's VI book, The Encyclical and Humana Vitae.
- Other books mentioned are Smart Choices and Healthy Teens, Waiting for Marriage. Need to get prices for ordering the Pro-Life brochures. Phil commented that we are not doing enough to promote chastity and abstinence.

6. Pam Stenzel

- Karen received an E mail from Collin Haern that Pam Stenzel will be in NJ the first week of April 2019. Pam Stenzel agreed to sign up for a speaking engagement at MMOG on April 7. Karen still has to run it by the new pastor and get back to Collin. It will be a one and a half hour speaking engagement. We still have to decide the topic to talk about. Since Pam is already in NJ it will cost \$2000.00. We have to pay 20% down for the \$2000.00. Karen asked where the money will come from. Phil said that we may approach the Rosarians as last year they were willing to pay for the bus to Trenton. We can do fundraisers. The need for ideas for fundraising came up. Roseanne suggested selling wooden roses. She will ask people at the Star Diner on how to order them. Karen will find out how to get the embroidered red roses. According to Laura if we do a 50/50 we will need a license.
- Our group has no bank account.
- Marianne will ask the organizers of Fr. Sean's Retirement Acct. on how they did it. She also mentioned in passing that Fr. Glen Sudano will speak at the Cursillo Event on April 6 at MMOG
- Phil said that it will be at MMOG but not exclusive for our parishioners. It will be in conjunction with other parishioners. Marianne will get the E-mails and Fax numbers of different parishes. Phil suggested that Marianne will work with John and Karen to promote the event. They can use the Diocesan website to publicize it.
- John suggested making it a requirement for CCD students to get more people to come. They could get community hours for this. Will run it by Deacon Chris.

7. SCRTL/NJRTL – Carl Snipes

- Car Raffle:
  - Volunteers needed for weekends of Nov.3, 4, 10 and 11 to man the table.

8. New Business

- Laura feels that our group should include promoting healing for men and women who had abortions. The group brainstormed on how to make it work.
- John suggested that prayers for them should be incorporated into the mass. Healing should be emphasized. Laura said it could be mentioned in the Prayers for the Faithful. Laura will take the lead for this .

9. REMINDERS:

- NO MEETINGS IN NOV or DEC
- JAN is the Washington DC Walk and Trenton March

10. Closing Prayer – John Leyendecker

*Loving God, I thank you for the gift of life you gave and continue to give to me and to all of us.*

*Merciful God, I ask your pardon and forgiveness for my own failure and the failure of all people to respect and foster all forms of life in our universe.*

*Gracious God, I pray that with your grace, I and all people will reverence, protect, and promote all life and that we will be especially sensitive to the life of the unborn, the abused, neglected, disabled, and the elderly. I pray, too, that all who make decisions about life in any form will do so with wisdom, love, and courage.*

*Living God, I praise and glorify you as Father, Source of all life, as Son, Savior of our lives, and as Spirit, Sanctifier of our lives.*

*Amen*

11. NEXT MEETING January 24<sup>th</sup>

- Opening Prayer: Carl
- Closing Prayer: John

Minutes respectfully submitted by Angie Bernardo.