

Attendees: Philomena Cellilli, Dorothy DeLuca, Trudy Madden, Carl Snipes, Jake Miller, Karen Leyendecker, Laura Boyle, Marianne Khare

1. Opening Prayer – Carl Snipes

Generous God, You provide for the lilies of the field and the birds in the air. You promise to take care of us even when our faith is small. Bless us as we examine the use of Your gifts and seek to use them fairly, honestly and prudently to better our community. During this meeting help us to remember that we are doing Your work, not our own. May we see this meeting as a way of serving You. May all that we do and all that we are give You praise and be for Your honor and glory. We ask this in Your Name and through Your Son our Lord and Savior – Jesus Christ – Amen.

2. Discussion on Assisted Suicide –

- Upcoming bill A1504/S1072 Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act. To take action visit: <https://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action>
- **UPDATE:** Frank McCann from SCRTL mentioned that there are many pro-choice politicians that are against this bill which is why it does not seem to move along. Prayers are working.

3. Jake Miller shared views on the pro-life culture at school

- He gave a convincing talk about when life begins – that biologically a cell is alive, at conception there is a cell, therefore there is life.
- He said that in the schools they promote contraception rather than abstinence
- He commented that there is no moral guidance, no mention of Jesus and lots of peer pressure to make wrong choices

4. Pam Stenzel

- We are going to ask Fr. Sean if it can be mandated that a grade attend the Pam Stenzel talk.
- We are going to present the video to the Men's and Women's groups and ask for ideas on how to promote the content.

5. Diocesan Meetings and Legislative Issues – Marianne Khare

- [Legislative Issues for this May meeting](#)
- [June Diocesan Respect Life Meeting](#)
- [Conversion Story of a former abortion doctor](#)
- Marianne recommended some books, if 2 or more are purchased, price drops to \$2 per book:
 - [Render Unto Caesar](#)
 - [What's a Catholic to Do?](#)
 - [Timeless Principals for American Politics](#)

6. Caregiver Ministry – Trudy

- July 10th – Diocesan End of Life workshop at St Joe's

7. Meeting dates for Sept 2018 thru Aug 2019:

- September – None
- October 25th
- November – None
- December – None
- January 24th
- February – None
- March 28th
- April – None

- May 23rd
 - June – None
 - July – None
 - August 22nd
8. SCRTL – Carl Snipes
- SCRTL Table at 4H Fair
 - Frank McCann to see about getting a table for 4H Fair – Aug 8, 9, 10
 - Karen has a portable DVD Player we can use for showing video
 - **UPDATE** – We had a table and will report at August Meeting
9. Closing Prayer – Karen 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.

Amen

10. NEXT MEETING October 25th – No September Meeting
- Opening Prayer: Carl
 - Closing Prayer: John