

Social Action Commission

January 26, 2021

Present (via Zoom) – Linda Arnold, Ruth Back, Don Harrison, Larry Kues, Andrea Mack, Chris Schell

Excused - Sue Clement, Marianne Hoekzema, Larry Kramer, Joan Krueger, Mary Beth Meyer, Rebecca Von Gillern

Chris opened the meeting with a prayer reading.

2021 Global Solidarity Conference (Chris) Jan. 29, 10:00-12:15 via zoom

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/catholic-social-action/catholic-relief-services/global-solidarity-conference/>

Chris reported that so far there have been 12 responses for the conference this Saturday, January 30. The conference is going to be virtual this year. Last year's conference at Dayton was well attended. Andrea is one of those who has signed up. Chris suggested that the young folks have a tendency to sign up at the last moment. The five breakout sessions this year are:

Catholic Social Teaching 101: Quick introduction to the origins of the Catholic understanding of Gospel justice, the vision for social ministry, and the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching

Local Opportunities for Action: Focus on working mercifully within our community to serve and change the root causes of poverty and hunger locally

CRS Chapters- More Information: Catholic Relief Services build of a network of CRS Chapters nationwide to mobilize Catholics and others of goodwill to end global poverty. CRS Chapters help advance CRS' mission to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas through meaningful action, enabling chapter members to live out their call as missionary disciples. Two chapters launched in 2020 in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

CRS Rice Bowl during a Pandemic: CRS' ideas and resources for best practices for promoting Rice Bowl and global solidarity during this global pandemic

Global Solidarity on Campus: Conversational breakout for any students, faculty, or staff in high education. The focus will be how to be involved with CRS and other efforts and opportunities.

Rice Bowls (Chris)

Chris, who has been in charge of the St. Columban Rice Bowl effort since 2002, will be handing the reins of the project over to Claire Corridoni, St. Columban's Youth evangelization Minister. It makes a fine youth-oriented project. Thank you, Chris, for your work on the project. Welcome aboard, Claire.

Respect Life Ministry (Larry)

The RLM will be holding a Holy Hour for Life this Thursday, January 28, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Larry sent copies of the agenda along with the planned intercessions, litany, and short verses before each Hail Mary in the rosary. These all will make for a meaningful experience.

Deacon Mike Brock will be doing the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament and reciting the Divine Praises. Mary Bellman will lead the musical portions of the program. Claire Corridoni will sing

Members of the RLM will lead the readings and rosary.

This event is associated with the Saturday, January 29, Cincinnati Mini-March for Life at the Clifton Planned Parenthood Clinic.

The 2021 spring **40 Days for Life** campaign will run from February 17th through March 28th. St. Columban will have its day of prayer in front of the Auburn Ave. Planned Parenthood building either on March 17th or 18th.

Braver Angels (Chris)

Braver Angels is an attempt to bring together participants from the political left and the political right (in equal numbers) to de-polarize the situation among the voting public. Marianne is attending, at this time, the Braver Angels session for those who were “delighted by the election.” Tomorrow night, January 27, those who “distressed by the election” will meet for an hour. Then next week, on Wednesday, February 3, the two groups will meet for a three-hour session to sort things out peaceably. The effort is being led by Andrew Musgrave, the Director of the Archdiocese’s Office of Catholic Social Action. Good luck to all!

New Business

Andrea, who is a writer of some renown, brought up a topic of interest to her and, to some degree, to the SAC. After her discernment and some time thinking about it and familiarizing herself with her new territory, she determined that she would like to write an ongoing column of local interest about services available in the area, especially highlighting outreach services. Andrea, who is a convert, was surprised that, after her conversion, she started noticing anti-Catholic bias. She’d like to write an article a month in the local press. Her three goals are to promote St. Columban, promote justice, and use her gifts and talent. The other members encouraged her and were quick to supply potential subject matter, Don provided information about Greg Knappe and the Care Center.

Larry closed the meeting with a Hail Mary.

And respectfully submitted these minutes

Our next meeting will be on February 23, 2021 somewhere.