

Minutes for Respect Life Meeting

May 6, 2015 7:00PM—Muriel's House

Those present: Rose Mary Bell, Muriel Casavant, Nadine Ostermann, Terri Murrell & Karen Trautman

Opened with Mercy Chaplet

1. Nine Months with Christ in the Womb (Promoted by the Archdiocese)
 - Programs continues to be promoted in the parish
 - The program is being advertised in the bulletin, space permitted
 - Terri has been reimbursed for the expense of the cards
 - The prayer cards were removed from the pews given that they were not promoted by the USCCB.
 - Prayer cards were received well by PSR and RCIA
 - We jointly agreed that in the future we will have Father view all cards before purchasing
 - Program has been announced from the pulpit
2. Human Trafficking
 - Nadine is still working with Sister Joan Krimm to help promote this topic to the parish & school
3. Fortnight for Freedom (June 21-July 4)
 - Rose Mary received word from Deacon Michael that as of yet very little planned for this
 - Rose Mary also asked Jane Elfers if IHM had any events planned. Jane said not at this time.
 - After discussion it was decided that Rose Mary & Muriel will take the following suggestions to Father Bill
 1. Look into the possibility of getting more of the “Preserve Freedom” Signs to be passed out at Masses.
 2. Offer our assistance in passing out the signs
 3. Create a bulletin announcement suggesting that all parishioners fast, abstain from meat on Fridays and pray the rosary daily during this time frame. (Suggestion from the USCCB)
 4. Replace the Prayer for Vocations on the back of the weekend mass handout with the “Prayer of Religious Liberty” and have it prayed at all weekend masses during this time frame (as we did last year)
 5. Order Pray for Religious Liberty Cards which are advertised on the USCCB site.
 - A. There are two of these available, one of Mary, one of St. Thomas More
 - B. We thought 600 would be a good amount to suggest
 6. Place a poster on an easel in the church vestibule drawing attention to this event
4. July Festival
 - We discussed the possibility of once again promoting Respect Life in the parish booth but elected to pass this year due to our busy schedules and not sure if there will be a parish booth
5. Additional Business not on Agenda
 - Terri brought up Kairos and the possibility of participating this year
 - We voted to take part again with the Kairos in the fall
 - Nadine will check on the fall dates
 - Nadine will also ask Mrs. Hurly if we can get this on the upcoming school calendar
 - We also voted that, late summer, we will run a bulletin ad seeking new participants for the Respect Life Committee.
6. Next Meeting: **Location: Muriel's, Dates: Aug. 18 Time: 7:00PM**
7. Ended with prayer