

Mary Mother of God – Respect for Life Meeting

Dec 15th, 2016

Attendees: Philomena Cellilli, Deacon Sal, Dorothy DeLuca, Karen and John Leyendecker, Bill and Mai Chirinos, Don Bragger, Barbara Gural, Marianne Khare, Francisco and Michelle Marin, Lauren Westover

1. Pam Stenzel Video

- The Spanish Community has 20 parents plus their children that want to watch the video together. Planning on doing this on a Friday night.
- Showed the video to CCD students. One overheard comment: “I did not want to watch this video but I needed to see it.”
- Will talk to Father about another date for viewing

2. Bus Trips for Trenton and DC – *NOTE: content here is updated since the meeting*

- Jan 23rd, Trenton
 - i. No free bus, bus is \$450, seats 25 to 30
 - ii. The diocese has posted on their website and in the Catholic Spirit, that MMOG will have a bus
 - iii. We can cancel up until Jan 19th if we do not get enough people, as of today we have 3 people but we hope to have signups for the bus Jan 14/15. If we do not get enough people we will travel by personal minivan.
 - iv. Bus boards at MMOG at 9:30
 - v. Rally is from 11AM to 1PM
 - vi. Bus should return to MMOG around 2PM
 - vii. The diocesan Trenton bus is filling fast
- Jan 27th, Washington DC
 - i. Bus will be from Immaculate Conception, cost is \$30, plus on return will be stopping for dinner in Maryland
 - ii. if interested contact them, Kevin Dugan is the coordinator
 - iii. Bus leaves at 7AM from IC, arrives DC at 10AM
 - iv. Rally is from 11 – 2, starts at the Elipse, goes to the Capital
 - v. Bus leaves DC at 3PM, likely from the Mall

3. Volvo Raffle

- Winners posted in Respect Life Webpage
- As a parish we were 4th in the state for sales

4. Knights of Columbus

- Tony Fusco is the Knights of Columbus representative for MMOG Respect Life
- He will promote the MMOG Trenton bus trip to the Knights
- Tony will also promote the trip to the Hillsborough Seniors

5. Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli spoke for the remainder of the meeting

- A number of interesting topics were raised, Assemblyman Ciattarelli will be checking on, and getting back to us on some of the raised topics

- i. For NJ, what organization decides our school's health topics.
 - 1. This was raised due to the controversial topic of transgender that was going to be promoted in the middle school. It was decided by the school to shelve the presentation, but we must stay vigilant.
 - 2. Currently, parents can opt out of having their children attend controversial presentations, however this can single out those children. One idea presented to prevent this was to have 2 presentations available, one with the controversial agenda item, and one that is completely unrelated and no potential for controversy, and to let the children and their parents choose which presentation to attend.
- ii. Abortion in NJ
 - 1. Does NJ require parental notification –*UPDATE: Currently no parental notification is required*

6. NEXT MEETING JAN. 26TH