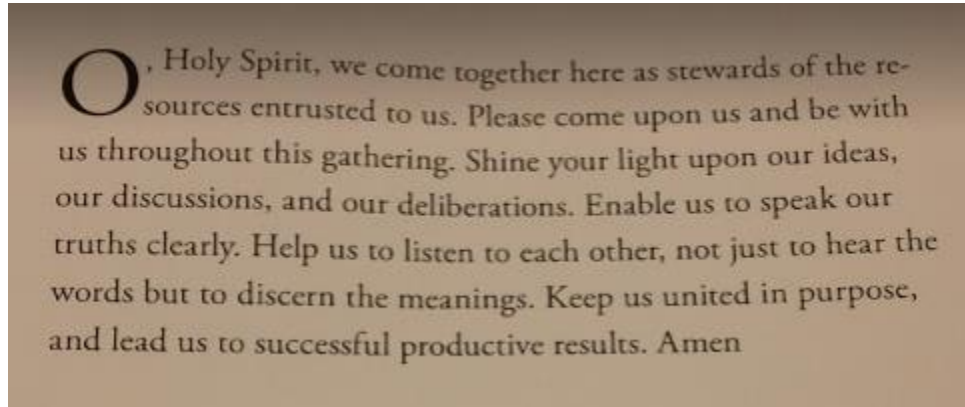


Mary Mother of God – Respect for Life Meeting

February 23rd, 2017

Attendees: Philomena Cellilli, Deacon Sal, Dorothy DeLuca, Laura Boyle, Roseann Mertes, Karen Leyendecker, Carl Snipes, Don Bragger, Don Thorsen, Lauren Westover; Fr Sean

1. Opening Prayer – Carl Snipes



2. Operation Rice Bowl - Carl

- In support of Catholic Relief Services
- Idea – have rice instead of dinner and give cost difference to the Rice Bowl Box
- Will be distributing boxes before lent starts and during lent
- Will have posters in both Spanish and English
- Each box with a name is counted and donation is provided to the parish office
- We have 500 English and 250 Spanish boxes

3. Pam Stenzel Video – Feb 24th Viewing

- Can we have a handout – will look on website **UPDATE: Handout was created and distributed**
- John and Karen will run the video
- Was noted that the video is the same time as the Knights of Columbus Holy Hour
- Will have teen ushers
- Pam Stenzel will be at St Joseph's H.S. on March 28th, we could all go

4. NJRTL/SCRTL Update –Carl

- Raffle – State made \$328,000 before expenses; SCRTL made \$11,570
- 4H Fair
 - August 9,10,11
 - SCRTL will have a table
 - Laura Boyle will coordinate
 - Will try to set up the table early
 - Will have a fan
 - Will have the DVD Player for looping video
- NJRTL Banquet
 - April 28th at the Hyatt Regency
 - Starr Parker and Keven Sorbo (acted in God's Not Dead) will be speakers
 - \$75 early registration for NJRTL member

- After March 28th, cost goes to \$90
 - We plan to have a table of 10 again
5. How to promote Respect Life
- Soft Sell – See if the Diocese has materials, the Diocese is consolidating so they may be giving away materials
 - The weekend of April 1st/2nd will be the weekend we will promote the Respect Life ministry after all of the Masses
 - Should be a coffee social weekend
 - **We will need to provide something after the 5PM/6:30PM and 12Noon Masses**
 - We plan to give information and talk in Schellberg Hall
 - **We need to have people assigned for after each Mass**
6. Bus Trip Update - Carl
- Trip to DC
 - Left from Immaculate Conception after 7AM Mass; weather was good, but a bit windy; Fr. Mike Fragoso went on the student bus; arrived in DC around 11:30; parked at the Mall;
 - VP Mike Pence, Kellyanne Conway, Rep. Mia Love and Rep. Chris Smith all spoke; Carl went to Chris Smith's reception
 1. VP Mike Pence – said movement should reflect the love of the people involved
 2. Kellyanne Conway – I am a wife, I am a mother, I am pro-life, I am Catholic
 - Bus trip home, stopped for dinner at Golden Corral, saw movie about a Marian Vision in Romania.
7. Letter to the Editor of OSV
- Instead of being against Planned Parenthood – do something positive
 - Suggestion – offer to bury aborted babies; need to research how this might be done
8. NEXT MEETING March 23rd
- Opening Prayer: Carl Snipes
 - Closing Prayer: John Leyendecker