

MARY MOTHER OF GOD (MMOG) – RESPECT FOR LIFE (RFL) MINISTRY
MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the MMOG RFL Ministry was held on **Thursday, March 31, 2016** in Schellberg Hall. Philomena Cellilli started the meeting at 7:40 PM. Attendees recited “*A Prayer for Life*” provided by Karen Leyendecker.

ATTENDEES

Philomena Cellilli, Deacon Sal Bonfiglio, Dorothy DeLuca, Suzanne Bates, Karen Leyendecker, John Leyendecker, Roseann Mertes, Barbara Gural, Laura Boyle, Don Thorsen, Carl Snipes, Anthony Fusco, Nancy Fusco, Sofia Monaco, Angelo Monaco

MMOG RFL WEBSITE

- Dorothy DeLuca shared the MMOG RFL website. A RFL icon was added to the MMOG website homepage for easy access to the RFL website.
- Attendees approved the RFL Mission Statement and the Bible verse on the RFL website.
- **Action Item:** Karen Leyendecker will enhance the statement below the RFL icon to a catch phrase (e.g., “What does RFL mean at MMOG? Click picture above”).

RFL MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

1. Educate teens, pre-teens and their parents on RFL topics (e.g., appropriate attire, importance of abstinence) through a teen outreach activity.

Action Items:

- Several RFL members will attend the teen outreach (chastity) presentation by Pam Stenzel on April 6th at St. Joseph’s High School to learn about the program.
- Ask Fr. Sean: Including a “proper attire statement” in the MMOG bulletin.
- At the RFL April meeting - Choose one opportunity (with a RFL member identified as the activity chairperson) to further the chastity message at MMOG. For example:
 - Inviting Pam Stenzel to speak at MMOG
 - Showcasing modest and fashionable attire with a fashion show
 - Holding a “Respect Day” (i.e., retreat) for middle school students

2. Educate the parish on upcoming NJ Legislation and MMOG RTL Ministry activities.

Action Items:

- Post links to information on the *NJ Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (A3452/S2606)* and the *Physician Assisted Suicide Bill reintroduced in the Assembly (A2451)* on the MMOG RTL website and provide flyers on tables in the church. The legislation information can be obtained from websites such as NJ RTL.
- Ask Fr. Sean: Allowing Signature Drives at masses.
- At the RFL April meeting - Identify a RFL member to plan a RFL Ministry Fair. Hold after the coffee social. RFL members can volunteer to staff tables describing RFL activities.

NEXT MEETING OF THE MMOG RFL MINISTRY

Thursday, April 28, 2016 – 7:30 to 9:00 PM
Schellberg Hall

The meeting was adjourned at **9:15 PM**.

Submitted by:

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