

## **HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Sunday, January 15, @ 9:20pm in the ARK**

**Members Present:** Sr. Carol Hanus, Don Hying, Brian and Sharon Cowan, Tom Lang and Mary Elbert

**Opening Prayer:** Mary Elbert

**Meeting Minutes:** Approved

### **REPORTS**

#### **ABORTION**

The Wisconsin Right to Life Billboard is up next to the Culvers on Milton Ave. Janesville. The information has been in the bulletin and envelopes for support are at each Church entrance.

#### **PREGNANCY HELPLINE**

The response from our Parish has been very generous. Sharon and Brian will collect all the items and take them to Pregnancy Helpline. A check from St. Mary's for the monetary gifts will be given to Pregnancy Helpline.

#### **FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

Brian has submitted information that should be in the bulletin soon.

#### **MONTHLY CHURCH BULLETIN**

January – The Novena before the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade from Priests for Life.

February – Vigil for life, Mary will work with Amy.

March - 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation will begin growth and development of Jesus in the womb. Each month we will continue with His growth and development right up to Christmas of 2012. Sharon will develop a template that we can use each month to insert the fetal growth and development information.

April – Chaplet of Divine Mercy, suggestions were to put the Chaplet prayer in a format of a prayer card, use the logo, and that some information be given for those who do not know about it. Tom offered, with Amy, to lead the Novena of Divine Mercy. We will develop this idea further and need Father Jim's approval.

#### **PRAYER**

**Holy Hours:** Next Holy Hour will be this Mon. Jan.16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm; focus is violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. Mon. March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm, focus The Worker, the feast of St. Joseph. Mon. May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 pm, focus the Election and political leadership.

**Vigil for Life:** Amy Lang and Dodie Weberpal have been faithfully going to Madison one time per month to pray at the Planned Parenthood that performs abortions.

## **DISCUSSION**

We could hand out/have available a voter's guide about the candidates as we draw closer to the election, with Father Jim's approval.

In preparing for next year Sharon has offered to make up a yearly calendar it will show what we have done in the past and also what we are presently doing. Brian will contact the Knights of Columbus about their calendar of events. There may be areas we can work with them and areas where we wouldn't want to be in conflict.

**CLUSTER HUMAN LIFE:** The "Silent No More Event" catered luncheon is being hosted by St. Mary's on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, with registration at noon and the luncheon starting at 12:30pm. There will be 3 speakers from Silent No More. Volunteers from Justice and Peace and the Human Life Committee will be selling tickets after the Masses this weekend and next. There was discussion as how to better promote this event. Sharon offered to design posters that would be larger in size with more of a focus on the pertinent information. Sharon's daughter in law works in marketing and is visiting this weekend. She and Sharon would be willing to design the layout and then we can see if the Cluster Parishes would be interested and able to use them. Time is tight; however she would like to try. Another suggestion would be to have someone speak at each of the Masses about the event and explain "Silent No More" similar as to what was done for the "Kids Against Hunger" held last year on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Sr. Carol

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 9:20 am in the ARK

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 am

Minutes submitted by Mary Elbert