Respect Life Commission

Next Meeting: **2/17/19**

Following 8:00 a.m. mass at approx. 9:10

Meeting Minutes from: 1/20/19

The meeting opened with prayer.

RLC Account balance: 1/20/19 Balance: $1,496.80

We welcomed new member of RLC, Nick Goodman.

Updates:

**Evils of Pornography - (Mike/Don/Patrick/Patrice/Alan) – In Process**

* Possible future event at St. Mary
* Covenant Eyes speakers – Ryan Foley (has written one of the brochures for USCCB)
* Whispered in the dark speaker, Hope Ray – **Don**
* She no longer speaks, but recommended Megan Meade-Higgans (Northville)
* Get information out to the parish by use of the bins, etc – **group**
* Pornography Pandemic article in RLC bins – **Mike – Restock complete**
* USCCB brochures (4) ordered **– Don**
* Stats from Covenant Eyes (Don) and Adult Stem Cell document (Mike) **– need to be vetted by Deacon Mike/pastoral team**
* 2016 USCCB pastoral letter “Create In Me a Clean Heart” – Provided by Marita & Mary Lou
  + *Discussion – This is good, but not a document that the average person would read.*

**Previously approved pro-life brochures (2) ordered for bins - Eileen**

**ArborWoman – Iris will speak to Youth Group - (Anne) – In Process**

* Anne will keep us updated

**January Pro-Life Events**

* March for Life in D.C. – no one attended from group, but there was an amazing turnout as usual
* White bags for luminaries (1/19-1/20) – **(Anne/group) – Thank you to Anne and her daughter for getting the bags ready and thank you to those who helped pass them out.**
  + Announcement by Father was made at all masses
  + Passed out at door to parishioners
  + Plan on 200 next year rather than 100
* Eileen shared other events week of 1/21/19
* Tuesday, pro-life mass at 9:15 a.m., St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor
* Wednesday, The Annual Christian & Racial Unity and Pro-Life prayer service at 7:00 p.m., The Bible Church in Ypsilanti
* Thursday, Pray at Planned Parenthood, 3100 Professional Dr. at 8:00 a.m.

**Billboard eastbound I-94 (owned by St. Vladimir’s) - (Eileen) – In Process**

* Meeting with Father Gregory Joyce on Wednesday, February 13; a possible joint venture regarding a Pro-Life billboard
* Could get billboard ideas from Jackson Right to Life (they have a billboard on I-94E as well)

**Event status**

* Eileen passed photos on to Anne for next step

**Parish Mission & Hospitality - Eileen/group**

* Parish Mission is March 3, 4, 5
* Our group along with the Wednesday Women’s Bible study will greet attendees at 6:15 p.m. Event starts at 6:30. Additionally, we will provide finger foods or cookies for hospitality around 7:45.

**40 Days for Life Spring Campaign – March 6 – April 14**

**The movie, “Unplanned” will release in March –** This is about Abby Johnson’s journey from working at Planned Parenthood to becoming a major, public pro-life advocate