Respect Life Commission

RLC Account Balance: 4/18/21

Beginning balance: $1,162.00

Expenses this month: 0

Current Balance: **$1,162.00**

Next Meeting: 9:00 a.m. following 8:00 mass – **5/16/21**

Meeting Minutes from 4/18/21

The meeting open with prayer by Deacon Wayne

**Agenda:**

**RLC Mother’s Day Rose Sale** – May 8th & 9th – **In Process** (Eileen & Alan)

* Alan received commitment of donation from Knights of Columbus ($500), for rose expenses
* Suggestion to order less roses since masses are only at 65% capacity due to pandemic
* Need to have notice in bulletin week before sale
* Have Father announce event two weeks before and have rose, as prop, week prior
* Alan & Eileen will prep all roses on Friday evening
  + Will call on others to help if needed
* Mass coverage
  + Will need group to cover the Saturday mass since Alan & Eileen will be away
    - Eileen will send out a solicitation for this coverage
* Alan reached out to Ryan Houle (Youth group) for workers during event

**Respect Life Annual Dinner** – April 21 – **Completed** (Alan)

* There was no participation or attendance at this year’s event.
* Suggestion for St Mary’s Knights to send donation since typically budgeted for
  + Patrick to check and see if it was in the Knight’s budget

**40 Days for Life Campaign** – Feb. 17 – March 28th – **Completed** (Eileen)

* It was a good program this year
* Seemed like there were more unscheduled/drop-in prayers than usual

**Baby Bottle Boomerang** – **Completed** (Mike & Robin)

* $2,945 total this year. This is close to what we typically get in donations
* Always 1 big donor to this cause
* Update via email after meeting: ***$3,061.61*** *with 109 bottles returned out of 100 this year.*

**Literature and Publications** – **In Process** (Mike)

* Mike shared example of box at bottom of bulletin dedicated for Life in *Manchester Bulletin*
  + Could St Mary RLC get carve out in our bulletin? Eileen to check
  + We could rotate information weekly promoting different services offered, various literature available, etc.

**Masses dedicated for praying to end abortion** – **In Process** (Eileen)

* No change this time

**Open discussion:**

BLM support sign up at Lutheran Church

* Breakdown of the family structure; targeted attack on the family and churches
* We live in a hyper sexed culture that contributes to breakdown
* General discussion on the fall of society and causes/destiny

Suggested Program to sponsor/offer in the future

* How to fortify the family (Patrice)

Don shared about a good new book that is available called, The Rise And Triumph of the Modern Self: Cultural Amesia, Expressive Individualism, and the Road to Sexual Revolution, by church historian Carl R. Trueman.