Respect Life Commission

Next Meeting: **10/15/17**

Following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Meeting Minutes from: 9/17/17

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Outstanding Items/Projects being worked on: review completed/outstanding items

* Poverty Inc. movie: **In Process – Patrick & Don**
	+ Viewing (Patrick)
		- St. Louis Center priests (Fr. Rinaldo & Amal) saw movie, want to be part of the event.
		- Possible fundraiser for St. Louis Center
	+ Logistics
		- St. Mary hall has capacity for 300
		- If we hold it on Saturday or Sunday morning, would probably get the same old crowd.
		- Saturday evening would be better. Tentative schedule could be: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
			* 6:30 – meet & greet
			* 7:00 – movie showing
			* 8:00 - Priest (or others) speak
			* 8:15 – Music
		- Targeting to have this in November 2017
		- Thinking it is better to have a “Good Will” donation, instead of a formal charge.
	+ Music - Mentioned that Patrice was leading this initiative. Need to verify.
		- Ideas for music:
* Group that Patrice knows
	+ - * Steve Hinz
			* Kids perform
			* Craig Houle and his group
			* Company C
			* Arbor Woman – Be a lifesaver Baby Shower - **In Process – Anne**
	+ Although Anne was unable to attend this meeting all seemed to be going very well
	+ Alan & Eileen check display to make sure all was ok.
* 40 days of Life campaign. - **In Process – Eileen**
	+ Officially kicks off on Wednesday Sept. 27
	+ Eileen shared information on this event(s) – praying at 5:00 every Wednesday

Upcoming Events shared:

* Annual Chain of Life – October 1 @ 2:00
* Eucharistic Holy Hour, Rosary Rally & Rose Procession to PP on Saturday, Oct 14 from 10:00 – Noon. Starts at St. Francis and ends at PP

Information/Discussion Items

* Patrick shared about his tour of IHM Motherhouse – Sisters independent living, ecological.
* Linda shared testimony on abortions performed at U of M hospital- had vision while in hospital
* Eileen offered anyone else willing to lead the Respect Life Commission – no takers. This should become an annual opportunity. We will target the start of fall as the turnover time.
* Alan shared that Ken Unterbrink suggested St. Mary RLC did something to possibly submit and win state level award for advocacy.
* Don shared about farm being banned from Lansing Farmers market for not allowing gay wedding.
* We discussed participation in Right to Life March in Washington in February – we need more info.
* Discussed running calendar of events- Alan/Eileen to provide a calendar at each meeting so we can better see where we can participate and add activities/projects.
* Need to investigate possibility of blessing of mothers twice per year at parish. U.S. Council of Bishops supports this. Need to discuss with Deacon Mike.
* Ideas of engagement: Billboard support on I-94, possibly work with Knights, other parishes, Russian church billboard use.
* We should try to have our projects focus on positive side of life – birth; an event that coincides with Jesus conception date through his birth.