

## **St. Rita's Human Concerns Committee Meeting Notes 2-5-20 Meeting**

The most recent Human Concerns Committee meeting was held in the rectory Wednesday, February 5. Barbara Krieger, Toni Liddy, Sharon Tyacke, new member Mary Cox and Bob Bembenek were present. Chris Crowbridge, Audrey Sczepanski and Mary Beth Penn were excused. The remainder of these notes were edited from our Nov. 6, 2019 meeting.

### **WE DO NOT HAVE A PASTORAL COUNCIL LIASION YET.**

- Prayer was from Gospel of Matthew, Ch. 5 Vs. 13-16 about how we are the “Salt of the Earth” and should not light our lamps and put them under a basket. We are to carry that light with us and shine for others to see.
- We discussed our upcoming speaker Feb. 11 on Immigration. Mark Peters from the Catholic Coalition on Immigration Reform is giving a presentation for us. It was posted in the bulletin several times and info was shared with parishes in our surrounding area.
- Pathfinders was discussed again and an urgent request for Feb. 19 is going out to the parish. Sharon stepped forward and will work with Nancy, a fellow parishioner to help cover that date.
- Our main project for Lent in 2020, Heifer International was discussed. We decided to make our Lenten effort the Heifer International Gift Ark program. A \$5000 effort that provides several poor and hungry families with pairs of breeding stock of various livestock. Cows, sheep, oxen, water buffalos, pigs, beehives, goats, ducks, rabbits, guinea pigs, geese, chicks, alpacas and 2 schools of fish will be given to the families. They also receive a Community Animal Vet Kit. The program's mission is for the offspring of these livestock to get passed on to other families. Sort of a “teaching a man to fish” philosophy. Bob called HI and ordered the Ark Angel kit for our parish.
- We talked about new members, still need more members.
- We talked about the materials Barb provided last year on The Seven Pillars of Catholic Social Justice and we will be discussing these in future meetings.
- Our meeting dates schedule are for 2020 dates of Mar. 18, (revised), April 1 and May 6. Future dates for the new fiscal year are TBD.

We will further discuss these upcoming events and activities at our next meeting.

Submitted by Bob Bembenek 2-16-20.