

## **St. Rita's Human Concerns Committee Meeting Notes 8-1-18 Meeting**

The most recent Human Concerns Committee meeting was held in the St. Rita's Rectory Office Wed., June 6, 2018. Barbara Krieger, Chris Crowbridge, Toni Liddy and Council liaison Bob Bembenek were present. Audrey Szczepanski was excused.

We met in the church to help assemble backpacks with school supplies and to help Barb go through the remaining supplies. We anticipate being able to complete our 50 total after the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of donations Aug. 4-5. Again our parishioners have been very generous.

- The 4 parish collaboration efforts for Human Concerns and everything else, seem to be on hold.
- Barb mentioned Pathfinders dinner nights, and that we will invite 2-3 parish families, perhaps along with 3-5 teens to help provide food and if possible to join the young people at Pathfinders for a once-a-month meal night. Announcements and bulletin info are forthcoming on that. Barb plans on announcing at masses during the weekends of Aug. 18-19 and 25-26. We discussed possibly the first Tuesday of each month for our parish to supply food for approximately 30 people.
- Welcoming dinners as part of parish potluck events held by the Parish Life committee will be planned for our upcoming new calendar year. There is a welcome brunch Aug. 19 and a welcome dinner in November scheduled.
- We talked about how to attract and acquire new members. We will perhaps do a bulletin piece or another ministry weekend as we need more members.
- The Baby Bottle project for this year, with a request by Joanna F. from the Women's Support Center will benefit that agency which helps expectant and new mothers. Bottles in church Oct. 6-7 and collected Oct. 13-14 and Oct. 20-21. We will note in the bulletin and/or mention at mass if anybody is donating by check to make them out to the WSC. Baby bottles will be picked up and counted by WSC and they will return the empty bottles for next year.
- Trees for our Gifts at the Stable will be up before Thanksgiving. SVdP will pick up their tags from Rita on Nov. 7, and will add the items they need and put on the tree themselves. Barbara will coordinate tags for the other groups that will be on the trees. Groups this year will be Pathfinders, SVdP, Women's Support Center and the Center for Blind-Deaf persons near 84<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln.
- Future planned meeting dates are Sept. 5 and Oct. 3, 2018. The 2019 dates are Feb. 6, April 3 and May 1.

We will further discuss at our next meeting Catholic Social Teaching as well as these upcoming events and activities.

Submitted by Bob Bembenek 8-3-18