

## **St. Katharine Drexel Parish Committee Report**

**Human Concerns Committee (HCC)**

**Date of Meeting: 12/10/2019**

**Committee Chairperson:** Ed Cody

**Members Excused:** Nancy Paul, Dottie Thompson, John Leiting

**Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m.**

**Members attending:** Tom Kalinosky, Matt Lanser, Jim Hankes, Estela Calvo-Gil (guest) and Ed Cody.

**Minutes of 11/12/2019 meeting:** Minutes reviewed and accepted.

**Communication:** None

**Pastor's Concerns:** Father Mike would like to have more direct communication between Latino and Anglo members of our parish. The Catholic Coalition for Migrants and Refugees might not be the most effective means for this to occur, as the coalition appears to be an advocacy and information coalition

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Personal Care Items Collection:** Ed reported that our parish supplied a generous amount of items for the collection, especially since the collection was completed on one weekend.
- 2. Red Kettle Bell Ringing:** The parish and KCs completed the first Saturday of our two day commitment. The next Saturday will be December 21, 2019 and all of the hour slots are filled. We appreciate that Fleet Farm is allowing the bell ringers to be inside the building.
- 3. Winter Children Clothing Collection:** The collection will be from December 7-15, 2019. A collection barrel is at the back of mission hall. Clothes collected will be distributed by Clothes for Kids.
- 4. CRS Ambassador Effort:** Jim reported that the Rice Bowl program will have the topic of Global Hunger. Jim recently participated in a CRS webinar on the Rice Bowl effort. He has been in communication with St. Katharine Drexel School administration and staff to actively involve the students in Rice Bowl activities.
- 5. Catholic Coalition for Migrants and refugees:** Their web site has been reviewed and the following resource and link has been sent to committee members:  
<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2018/06/19/father-james-martin-five-things-you-can-do-help-immigrants-border> This resource lists actions for Catholics to take in promoting justice in immigration.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Fund Raiser for Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County (PSCDC):** In January, 2020, St. Katharine Drexel Parish will host a baby bottle fund raising effort for PSCDC. The KCs will distribute and collect the bottles to collect donations for PSCDC. We have helped in this manner in the past to support this pro-life activity.
- 2. Consecration of Families to the Holy Family:** On the Feast of the Holy Family on December 29, 2019, families will be given prayers cards with a prayer consecrating their family to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The prayer cards have been made possible from the Knights of Columbus.
- 3. January Pro Life activities:** Matt Lanser shared the information that the Dodge County Right to Life committee will be discussing if they will host the Right to Life advertisement

in the local newspaper in 2020. If this happens, the HCC would help in the effort as we have in the past.

**Closing Prayer.** We closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:**  
**January 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.**

**Decisions Made:**

1. The committee supports the effort to assist the Pregnancy Support Center.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

1. To be determined.

**To: Parish Council (Check one)**

For your information. No action needed at this time.

Please put us on your next agenda. See attachment.

We need directions and further input. See attachment.

Submitted by

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