

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

**Human Concerns Committee (HCC)**

**Date of Meeting: 11/12/2019**

**Committee Chairperson:** Ed Cody

**Members Excused:** Pat Burchardt, Matt Lanser, Andi Larson,

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.**

**Members present:** Ed Cody, Jim Hanks, Tom Kalinosky, John Leiting, Dottie Thompson, Nancy Paul

**Minutes of 10/08/2019 meeting:** Minutes accepted with correction that the meeting was held 10/08, not 10/07 as was listed in error.

**Additions to Agenda:** A Thousand Rosaries.

**Communication:** No report on the Milwaukee Pro-Life Gala at this time

**Pastor's Concerns:** Fr. Erwin related a phone call he'd received from a representative of the Catholic Coalition for Migrants and Refugees in Milwaukee. They have educational programs to help parish communities better understand the multi-faceted issue of immigration. He would like our parish to have a program. HCC would work with the Hispanic Committee to come up with a date and a format. More information about the Coalition resources can be found at <https://leodehonlibrary.libguides.com/ccmr>

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Eucharist Adoration:** Thomas Kalinosky reported that over 20 participants were present at the time he was there. Ed Cody said that prayer was an important part of Human Concerns work, as God gives us direction and answers when we open ourselves to Him in prayer.

**2. St. Vincent de Paul Conference:** The St. Vincent de Paul Conference Collection totaled \$2288.26. John Leiting is our liaison to the Conference. He reported that in the fiscal year the Conference made 220 Home Visits, 500 people were helped, and \$37,000 was dispersed in aid. He said the Conference was pleased with the recent collection. Most of their donations throughout the year come individually in smaller amounts. We agreed the Conference does important work in our community and surrounding area.

**3. CRS Ambassador Corp Updates:** Jim Hanks is in the process of developing this. He will update the HCC as this comes together.

**4. Non-Food Collection: November 23-24<sup>th</sup>** is set for the non-food collection for the Food Pantry. Items for personal care and grooming will be collected that weekend at the Parish Center.

**5. Report on Caring Hearts Meeting:** This ministry visits the homebound. At the meeting, participants and those interested in this ministry shared talk and stories. Janice Tischler is the contact person for those who would like more information or to get involved.

**6. Update on Movie:** The movie Unplanned will be shown at Fox Lake WI.'s Annunciation Parish this Sunday at 1:30 pm. If we would like to show it at SKDP, it requires a licensing fee of \$125.00 and can only be shown at one location, such as SKDP. It could not be shown both here and in the Tri-Parish community with only one license. Dottie Thompson provided information that Pro-Life Wisconsin takes care of any license fees for showing the movie at

one's facility. There is no admission charge but the proceeds of a free will offering goes to Pro-Life Wisconsin.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. 1000 Rosaries:** Dottie Thompson explained how a parish she visited in Twinsburg, OH., St. Cosmas and St. Damian, had parish members work together to say 1000 rosaries in October. Individuals would report the number of rosaries they said each week. We discussed doing this at SKDP. Instructions on how to say the rosary and prayer cards could be available. Sign up could be online or in person. Details can be worked out. This is a promising idea.

**2. Red Kettle Drives:** Each year the HCC and Knights of Columbus participate in staffing the Salvation Army bell ringing and donation kettles so familiar in the Advent season. Our dates this year are 11/30 and 12/21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fleet Farm. Volunteers usually fill an hour slot and work in pairs.

**3. Winter Children's Clothing:** Due to space limitation, we will not have the traditional mitten tree up this year. We will still be collecting warm clothes, mittens, scarves, and so forth. So many people donate items made with love that we've decided to have a mitten barrel, rather than skip doing this. Donations go to Clothes for Kids to help keep youngsters warm.

**4. Immigration Legislative Action:** Catholics are strongly encouraged to contact their U.S. Senators asking them to support S. 874, the Dream Act of 2019. The House has passed this (U.S. H.R. 6), and now it is up to the U.S. Senate. This act would provide certainty and a path to citizenship for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients. In addition, S. 879, the Safe Environment from Countries Under Repression and in Emergency (SECURE) Act would allow TPS (Temporary Protected Status) and DED (Deferred Enforced Departure) recipients to apply for legal permanent residency. Currently, the Supreme Court is hearing arguments on whether the current administration acted lawfully in 2017 when it ended DACA with a rescission memo. DACA was a measure under the Obama administration that shielded from deportation those brought to U.S. as children. It was a two-year, renewable status. Applicants had to meet strict requirements. It did not provide any path to citizenship. Without DACA protection those who grew up and were educated in U.S., but lack documentation, are subject to deportation at any time.

### **Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:**

**December 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.**

### **Decisions Made:**

1. Continue developing a plan for global solidarity with the CRS Ambassador Corps.
2. Red Kettle Dates
3. Winter Clothing Collection Method/Dates

### **Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

1. Continue CRS activity discussion
2. Work with Hispanic Committee regarding information presented by Fr. Erwin on Catholic Coalition for Migrants and Refugees

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

X For your information. No action needed at this time.

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\_\_\_ We need directions and further input. See attachment.

Submitted by

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