

Meeting Minutes
St. Sebastian/St. Vincent Social Justice Ministry
Sunday, October 17, 2021

Members Present: Annie Burris, Bernie Rochford, Rita Rochford, Harry Skeen, Linda Skeen, Greg Sain, Carolyn Varner, Mary Yanko and Mary Benzie

Prayer: Mary Yanko offered an in prompt prayer.

General Session: Annie finished chapter 3 of *Fratelli Tutti*, at para 103

- Discussion: Robust discussion on issues of fraternity. Fraternity calls for greater than climate of respect for individual liberties.
- Equality is achieved as a result of the conscious and careful cultivation of fraternity.
- Radical individualism is a virus that is extremely difficult to eliminate, for it is clever.
- Social friendship and universal fraternity necessarily call for an acknowledgement of the worth of every human person, always and everywhere.
- Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally.
- Covid separated us from encounters with others. Per Pope. “we have had enough of immorality and the mockery of ethics, goodness faith and honesty.
- Solidarity as a moral virtue and social attitude born of personal conversion, calls for commitment on the part of those responsible for education and formation.
- We are responsible for the fragility of others as we strive to build a common future.
- Solidarity means thinking and acting in terms of community.
- Those who enjoy a surplus of water yet chooses to conserve it for the sake of the greater human family have attained a moral stature that allows them to look beyond themselves and the group to which they belong.
- Rights without borders.
- God gave the Earth to the whole human race for the sustenance of all its members without excluding or favoring anyone.
- The right to some to free enterprise or market freedom cannot supersede the rights of peoples and the dignity of the poor...
- What applies to nations is true also for different regions within each country, since there to great inequalities often exist.
- Inequality affects not only individuals but entire countries; it compels us to consider the ethics of international relations.—this lead to a discussion about vaccine supply.

- For a real and lasting peace will only be possible “on the basis of a global ethic of solidarity and cooperation in the service of a future shaped by interdependence and shared responsibility in the whole human family.

Minutes: The Minutes for September were approved and will be placed on file, and made available for distribution to the parishes’ websites.

Catholic Commission Update:

- 43rd Annual Bishop Wm Cosgrove Justice Dinner/Awards and Silent Auction Friday, Nov 19, 2021 6PM at Tangier, Akron OH 44303. Patrons and Silent Auction items welcome. Contact Jeff Campbell at 330.535.2787, x10 or jcampbell@ccdacle.org for more information.
- **Great new advocacy/engagement initiatives from USCCB and Vatican:**
 - **Laudato Si' Action Platform** (easy to sign up for; monthly follow-up emails for support and resources) <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>
 - - **USCCB "A Better Kind of Politics" sign-up campaign** for U.S. civility and dialogue <https://www.usccb.org/civilizeit>
 - **Legislative advocacy update**
 - - **Cath. Climate Covenant alert:** Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act
 - - **Cath. Climate Covenant alert:** Catholic Climate Petition initiative sign-on campaign
 - - Link for both above: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/advocacy>
 - - **USCCB alert re. global vaccine equity:** www.votervoice.net/USCCB/campaigns/87313/respond
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 - **Respect Life Month:** Human Life Office/DSAO collaboration on consistent life weekly focus
 - - **Oct. 9:** "Beyond Proclamations: Racism as a Public Health Issue" Zoom event recap
 - - **Oct. 13:** “Achieving Financial Security” Love Akron and the Cleveland-Akron Chapter of The Society of Financial Service Professionals on ZOOM and in person at the Well CDC
 - - **Oct 23:** Ohio Fair Trade Expo at John Carroll University
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- * St. Vincent:
 1. Food Drive 11/20/2021 (corrected date)

St. Sebastian:

1. Latin Mass Instruction
2. Autumn Lights 10/24/2021 6:30-8:30p.m

Announcements:

1. Nov 5 - First Friday Club - Bishop Milan Lach - Byzantine Bishop; Topic: His mission as bishop in our Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma
2. Nov 19 - Catholic Commission’s Bishop Cosgrove Dinner & Silent Auction.
3. No December meeting

Next meeting: **Sunday, November 21, 2021 @ St. Sebastian, following 9:00AM Mass, in Byrider Hall, room 3. Larry will resume discussion of *Fratelli Tutti*, at chapter 4**

Treat/Prayer: Larry in November.

Minutes prepared by Rita Rochford