

## **Respect Life Committee Meeting Minutes August 21, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE:** Bernie McGough, Kevin Philbin, Nancy Carter, Gary Peltier, Dave Kohut, Lisa Birchler and Marge

March, Diane Butler and John Butler. Special guest: Greg Lynch

**OPENING PRAYER:** Kevin Philbin

**GUEST PRESENTATION:** Greg Lynch of "Divine Mercy Care" presented his organization's purpose of supporting pro-life healthcare. Divine Mercy Care is an instrument "to honor dedicated believers and churches committed to fighting for justice in service to Christ." Divine Mercy Care is committed to helping such causes as "Pro Women's Healthcare Centers" and "Tepeyac OB/GYN" to name a few.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Bernie McGough reported no expenditures for July.

**JULY MINUTES:** Kevin Philbin presented the July minutes and they were unanimously approved.

**YOUTH PROMOTION:** Lisa Birchler to advise on activity promotion.

**SISTERS OF LIFE:** No response received from "Sisters of Life."

**40 DAYS for LIFE:** Diane Butler suggested our involvement. Event starts September 24<sup>th</sup>. Prayer Vigil is at 12-6pm.

Bernie suggested that we might meet at Chic Filet and carpool to Charlottesville.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** 1. Del suggested that we do a "Trunk or Treat" in October as other churches in the area have promoted.

2. Bernie McGough suggested that we may want to consider an event during Children's liturgy.

Bernie thought of Santa and the child and Diane strongly supported the event and suggested

John the Baptist announcing the coming.

\* Both subjects will be discussed in future meetings after Father's approval.

**ADDENDUM:** Committee Reflections

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Bernie McGough

### **THE SEVEN DOLORS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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V: O God, come to my assistance;

R: O Lord, make hast to help me

V: Glory be to the Father....

R: As it was in the beginning....

1. I grieve for you, O Mary, most sorrowful, in the affliction of your tender heart at the prophecy of the holy and aged Simeon. Dear Mother, by your heart so afflicted, obtain for me the virtue of humility and the gift of the holy fear of God.

< Hail Mary..... >

2. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the anguish of your most affectionate heart during the flight into Egypt and your sojourn there. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of generosity, especially toward the poor, and the gift of piety.

< Hail Mary..... >

3. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in those anxieties which tried your troubled heart at the lost of your dear Jesus. Dear Mother, by your heart so full of anguish, obtain for me the virtue of chastity and the gift of knowledge.

< Hail Mary..... >

4. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the consternation of your heart at meeting Jesus as He carried His cross. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of patience and the gift of fortitude.

< Hail Mary..... >

5. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the martyrdom which your generous heart endured in standing near Jesus in His agony. Dear Mother, by your afflicted heart, obtain for me the virtue of temperance and the gift of counsel.

< Hail Mary..... >

6. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the wounding of your compassionate heart, when the side of Jesus was struck by the lance before His Body was removed from the cross. Dear Mother, by your heart thus transfixed, obtain for me the virtue of fraternal charity and the gift of understanding.

< Hail Mary..... >

7. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, for the pangs that wrenched your most loving heart at the burial of Jesus. Dear Mother, by your heart sunk in the bitterness of desolation, obtain for me the virtue of diligence and the gift of wisdom.

< Hail Mary..... >

Let Us Pray

Let intercession be made for us, we beseech You, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and at the Hour of our death, before the throne of Your mercy, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother, whose most holy soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the hour of Your bitter Passion. Through You, O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost lives and reigns world without end. Amen.