

MoM/HC Pro-life Meeting  
9/12/22  
7 PM

Attendance: Angela Schmollinger, Shirley Gerlach, Barbara Grundmann, Dann Grundmann, John Gould, Deacon Dennis, Tom Dunne, Naomi Rath, Tom Nevins, Lee Diedrick, Peggy Koecheler, Pat Loehlein, Peggy Koecheler, Megan Frericks, Mary Ksiazek, Fr. Phillipe, Judy (HC), Gerald, Kathleen (Zoom), Don Parker (Zoom)

Deacon Dennis opens by talking about Bishop Barron's book - Redeeming the Time - touches on several topics, including "Seeing Abortion" - excerpt from this part of the book is read.

Prayer for Life is led by Deacon Dennis

Legislative Huddle - Don Parker

Unmessaging work is being done by MCCL - Lots of research to prove that MN is allowing abortion up until birth. Pro-abortion commercials are being played all over media to try to make pro-life candidates seem very extreme. We need to humanize the babies - babies that can live outside the womb and be adopted are being killed before they have that chance. Abortion is allowed long after the child can feel pain. Lots of parents don't know that their minor child is pregnant and considering abortion. There is trafficking, girls are pressured into getting abortions, and all of these people behind it are being let off the hook. Almanac - Angie Craig & Tyler Krisner were separately interviewed. Krisner handled it well - said that Angie Craig is extreme in twice voting for allowing abortion up until birth. Candidates need to be strong in their defense of these unborn children and need to point out others who are in support of abortion. All of this is being done to educate the public on the truths of abortion and what's going on. Scott Jensen - it seems that his heart is pro-life and his medical practice was pro-life, but he has become afraid of the issue/discussion, and is shying away from it. Other candidates have done the same thing. Candidates need to stand for their values and be steadfast, be strong in stating their position.

Overall, the public has shown positive and excited response to what MCCL is doing.

Past Events:

- August 9th, Primaries
  - Barbara and Dann Grundman volunteered as election judges
    - Very positive experience, and very fair judging
    - All of their pay that they received will be donated to pro-life group
    - Tom Nevins noted that the concerns are more with absentee ballots, not ballots submitted in person by voters
      - Would be nice if, when State employees count absentee ballots, election judges could be present too.

Calendar of Events - still a bit in limbo - in need of approval by parish office and pastors

- The one thing approved was the October MCCL Fall Tours - October 11th at Maternity of Mary
  - Angela S. & Barbara have been working on a network of churches/groups to work with to get more involved in the Pro-Life mission
  - Mary asked if The Catholic Spirit would run an article or an ad about the MCCL Fall Tour.
- Letter-writing campaign - postponing to a later date
  - Letter not written yet
  - Idea to look to Minnesota Catholic Conference - provides list of work being done with momentum in the Pro-Life movement
    - Look into getting someone to work with more closely at MN Catholic Conference
    - Deacon Dennis suggested dovetailing with KCs.
- Spiritual Adoption - Sept. 17th/18th
  - Cards are finished, but need to be cut
    - Baby feet are expected to arrive today (9/12/22) so those will be ready to attach to cards
  - Per Shirley, 49 babies were spiritually adopted last year
  - (Short) announcement needed for Fr.s to read after masses, as well as, bulletin announcement
  - Fetal models can be brought to the church, per Don Parker, in time for Spiritual Adoption
- Coffee and Donuts - Sept. 17th/18th
- 40 Days for Life - starts Sept. 28th
  - Judy has asked for the information so she can pass on to Holy Childhood parishioners
  - Proposed weekday and time: Mondays at 4:30
    - Once confirmed, send info to parish office so that info can be given to parishioners
- Respect Life Sunday - October 2nd

#### New Business

- Various fundraisers and galas coming up - keep each other informed as events/fundraisers arise
  - Mary's Meals - Sept 22nd
- Fast & Prayer prior to Midterm election? Vigil November 7th? Novena?
  - Tom Nevins suggested proceeding similarly to Adoration - start after Mass on November 7th and pray throughout day, finishing in the evening
  - Pray for the Election in respect to the Gospel of Life.
- First Saturday of the month - 10 AM every Saturday of the month - come for an hour in front of Planned Parenthood
- Movie night - November 18th - suggestions for a good-feel movie that celebrates life
  - Volunteers needed to review movies
    - Fr. Stu- strong language, so disclaimer would be needed

- Mother Teresa - not released yet
  - Padre Pio
- Baby Bottle Collection coming up for Women's Life Care Center
  - Would like the fundraiser to line up with Women's group at HC
  - Father Phillippe asked if the Baby Bottle Fundraiser could be closer to Christmas
    - Doesn't seem like it will work too well to do that due to the several other fundraisers and things going on around that time already, like Mary Tree
      - Judy noted that there are additional groups she knows of that are in need of everyday living items/gifts
  - Father Phillippe also asked if anything can start to be done with MMSA school.
    - Yes, there are several things that need to be outlined and parameters need to be set, but Principal Mike is all in on the idea of working with our Pro-Life group.

#### Last thoughts

Dann G noticed that BCA has been putting up signs advising people, "If you see something, say something," like vandalism to churches and non-profit groups. Took picture, and will send it to group.

Closing - sung Salve Regina and I Will call Upon the Lord

Next meeting - October 3rd, 2022 - 7PM