

## MoM/HC Pro-life Meeting

3/6/23

6:30 PM

Attendance: Barbara Grundman, Dann Grundman, Angela Schmollinger, Naomi Rath, Mary Ksiazek, Mike Conolly, John Gould, Deacon Dennis, Tom Dunne, Mary Rubbelkeys, Shirley Gerlach, Pat Loehlein, Megan Frericks, Jerald Valento, Judy Jacobsen, Tom Nevins, Michael Gross

### Opening Prayer - Prayer for Life

### Past Events Recap

- Valentine's Day treat/card bags
  - Several leftover materials - we should do inventory before next year
    - Could buy cardstock next year
    - Idea to have kids decorate some of the cards at a Coffee & Donut Sunday prior to Valentine's Day - separate table away from food
    - Good project for kids or Confirmation students
- Coffee & Donuts on Feb. 19th.
  - Idea to write up checklist for what is all involved for setup/cleanup for Coffee & Donuts
  - The March coffee & donuts will be hosted by the grounds crew
    - Will be asking if the Quarterly Letter Writing Campaign can occur at the March C&D
- 40 Days for Life
  - Idea by Mary R. to see if Confirmation students and families with young kids can be directed to participate
  - Would like to get more participation from youth
- Postcard campaign
  - Evergreen - no particular law mentioned, so can continue to make a difference
    - It was a bit of a confusing campaign - not as successful as our other campaigns. Though we had access to a list of our representatives, it took a while to look up. People short on time just wanted to grab and go.
    - Though PRO Act passed, things are not solid yet - things are still being voted on/for
    - Does Don know of any MN representatives who are on the edge, undecided? There could be an opportunity to sway those who are in the gray area - we should write/call/email/contact these reps
      - Senator Marty was visibly shaken by how many Pro-Life supporters were present at the recent town meeting. Even if his vote/mind goes unchanged, others who attended may have been inspired/awakened.
      - Do the reps have to be accountable/keep track on all subjects that are brought to their attention/office - is it public? Is there any

trackability? If the communication that comes to these reps goes ignored, but it's 2/3 of the communication they get, it would be good for that to be public knowledge.

- MN Catholic Conference Adoration (ongoing)
  - Gaining more and more attendance - last one (March) was packed - increasingly successful
  - Organizer? Is there anyone who can advise on the high/low traffic times for adoration?
  - RSVP is not required.
  - It is a little hard to find the Governor's Dining Room. While you don't need to RSVP, there is always someone at the MN Catholic Conference office to help direct

#### Upcoming events

- MMSA Spring Fling - Saturday, April 22nd - 5:30 to 10:00 PM.
  - Possible volunteer opportunity
- Quarterly Letter Writing Campaign - March 19th
  - Will likely be asking the recipient to continue to support pregnancy centers and not take funding away.
  - Thank you to Shirley for donating stamps
- Holy Childhood ProLife Bake Sale - Before and after all masses April 1st & 2nd
  - Buchanan Hall & Narthex of Holy Childhood
  - Can bring stuff over to HC around 2PM on Saturday, April 1st.
  - Angela volunteered to make 8.5"x11" posters
- Mother's Day Flower Sale
  - Weekend of May 13-14, 2023
  - Location: Maternity of Mary & Holy Childhood
  - Naomi will order roses & carnations from Flowerama again
    - Need to confirm how many flowers/plants will be needed
  - Diaper Drive
    - Most people want diaper drive & flower sale to stay together
      - Angela called for a volunteer to lead diaper drive & a volunteer to lead flower sale
        - Shirley will take lead for diaper drive
        - Tom Dunne will take lead for flower sale
      - Judy suggested that Holy Childhood could collect in the weeks leading up to the diaper drive
      - Barbara had idea to turn the Joseph's Coat chest into a year-round collection area for diaper donations
- Holiday Bazaar - November 2023
  - ProLife group was asked to have a table
    - Craft bazaar
- Philomena House is having fundraiser/dinner April 13th - something to add to website/bulletin announcements

- Cradle of Hope - community events
- First Saturday of each month - walk in front of Planned Parenthood - A Community Caring for Life & Families group - occurs every 1st Saturday of each month from 10-11am
- Idea by Mary K. to talk about the possibility of MoM hosting a meeting for churches in the area who are interested in becoming more involved with pro-life - sort of a conference to instruct on ideas for what to do/how to approach organizing a ProLife group.

Ending prayer - Prayer to End Abortion - led by Deacon Dennis

Next meeting is April 3rd from 6:30-7:30pm