

St. Francis of Assisi Respect Life Meeting Minutes October 8th, 2009

Present - Brenda Pedersen, Andrea Hodapp, Maggie DeWitte, JoAnn Neumeyer, Sara Hedding, Luann Manno, Ann Marcinko

- 1) October is Respect Life Month
 - A. Monday Night Rosary Group - Rachel's Rosary 7:00 p.m. in Assisi Room
 - B. Adoration sign up - contact Sara Hedding, Oct 13, 2009. Sara will send out Email of open spots.
 - C. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Des Moines Lunch and Learn Series
Oct 7, 2009, Oct 14, 2009, Oct 21, 2009 and Oct 28, 2009 - some of these will be rerun on the Catholic Radio station.
 - C. Adoption Information Meeting: Sunday Oct 18, 2009 1:30-3:00 in Large Meeting Room
Maggie DeWitte will be speaking on behalf of Catholic Charities, Angela Stark will be speaking on behalf of Holt International and DHS foster/adoption
 - Announcements have been placed in the bulletin.
 - Volunteers will bring refreshments.
- 2) Mercy Hospice: Need volunteers ongoing to provide refreshments. Carey Mathesius sends out regular emails to recruit volunteers.
- 3) Advent Angels
 - A. Gabriel Project - Sara Hedding (St. Francis Preschool will be taking care of their needs.)
 - B. Mercy Hospice - Carey Mathesius will find out what their needs are.
 - C. Ruth Harbor - Luann Manno will find out what their needs are.
 - D. House of Mercy - Andrea Hodapp will find out what their needs are.
- 4) Lenten crosses - Discussed that in the past the Divine Mercy Chaplet was prayed at Bishop Drumm. A recommendation was made to possibly switch this to McAuley Terrance Assisted Living if a volunteer was found to lead it.
- 5) We will offer a May Mother's Day Diaper Drive again this year and plan to add a money box to seek monetary donations.
- 6) Summer Book Drive for Iowa Right to Life Book Sale - We will continue this the weekends before and after vacation Bible school again as it was very successful last year.
- 7) We will plan for a next meeting once names from the Social Committee membership drive are obtained. We will try to incorporate this meeting with the assembly of Advent Angels.