

Voice of the Faithful of N.J. Coordinating Team Minutes

June 24, 2017

Present: Theresa Padovano, Bob & Peg Pipchick, Janet Bonar, Charlie & Juanita Saco, Mary Murphy, Mary Aktay, Mary & Gerry Gannon, Bernice Anglin

Prayer: Charlie read a meaningful prayer written by Pope Francis.

Finance Report: Bob provided a written report for all and indicated that Tina had sent thank you notes to all sending in dues and/or donations. Bob and Tina were lauded for their meticulous work. Bob will send 10% of our dues to VOTF National.

Evaluation of Frieda Berrigan program: This was an interesting, practical, and meaningful event. We agreed to send her \$100 for travel expenses.

Picnic: This will be held on Saturday Sept. 23rd from 2 PM until at the Padovano's. Guests will be asked to bring a cold dish to share. Mary A. has plastic utensils and paper plates as well as extra chairs. The planning committee will consist of Theresa, Juanita & Charlie, MaryA., Janet, Mary G & Gerry. Notices will be sent out by Aug. 23rd with an R.S.V.P

Liturgy: Charlie distributed the liturgy schedule for the rest of the year. All were touched by the beautiful memorial liturgy for Louise and her family. We will greatly miss her.

We will continue the practice of scheduling most of our speakers on the fourth Sunday of the month. Mary A. will buy a gong for us to use for the prayer of intentionality during the liturgy. She also will publish a request for volunteers to help in setting up the room for liturgy each week about 30 minutes before we start.

Fall Retreat: This will be given by Fr. Anthony Randazzo using his parish facilities at Holy Trinity Westfield. It will begin with Mass at 8:30 AM on October 21st. The theme is "Reading the Signs of the Times: What is Happening in Priestly Ministry?" We can have lunch catered. Closing time to be decided.

Programs: Our theme for the year is **Ministry for the 21st Century.**

- Sept. 17, 3:30 pm** Anthony Padovano – "History of the Priesthood."
- Sept. 24, 3:30 pm** Tom Johnson - "White Man on a Bike," talking about his work in Sierra Leone and Ghana providing medical operations. (He needs a projector. Theresa and Bernice will work on publicity.)
- Oct. 21, 8:30 am** Fr. Anthony Randazzo (see above)

Nov. 5, 3:30 pm Discussion of the article *Is Celibacy the Issue?* Leaders are Charlie & Bernice (Article to be distributed at the retreat.)

Jan or Feb. Possible panel on the meaning of ministry.

Welcome Letter: Theresa will write to Cardinal Tobin welcoming him to NJ. She will send it to the team for our input.

RAMP: Volunteers are working to help the Afghan family find jobs. They are expecting a baby in November. RAMP has received ministry grants from the Sisters of Charity to buy used cars for the Syrian and Afghan families which should enable them to get better jobs. Housing and employment are the most serious problems faced by all.

Next Meeting: Saturday, August 12, 2017, 9:00 AM at the Padovano's

Submitted by: Mary Murphy