

Christian Service Commission

November 15, 2014

Facilitator: Mark Joyce

Note Taker: Joan Cashman

Present: Mark Joyce, Joan Cashman, Grace Keane, Cyndie Ferrera, Judy Rhoads, Debbie Jackson and Karen Schenk

Agenda:

1. Discussion and Decision on Almsgiving for Lent

It is yet to be determined as to whether Worship or CS sets the almsgiving for Lent. Multiple suggestions for recipients of alms included:

- Operation Rice Bowl- **need to check with Peggy Casing** since she has done this with GIFT
- St Michael's Food Pantry, Lifespan and CCRT
- others including groups like immigration, environment, military families

2. Reports

- **SVDP** will have a telethon on Dec 4; SVDP is also trying to promote their SVDP stores; Sr Grace will provide a financial breakdown of this organization at SMOTH
- **Giving Tree**- Cyndie reported a very good response of assistance via the Confirmation candidates. The program is currently running with final returns hoped for Nov 30.
- Cyndie's daughter Danielle will be doing a mission trip to **Belize** Dec 7-15. Hopefully she will bring back pictures and a recap for the parish.
- **Lifespan Christmas cards** on sale the weekends of Nov 23 and 30th.
- Judy reported **the parish slogan** is now on the cover of the bulletin under the name of SMOTH; also as mentioned on pg 3 of the Nov 16th bulletin, **photos** of events are highly desirable so please remember to take them.
- **Ham/kielbasa sale** to take place with distribution on Dec 18.
- **Evangelization**: There will be a Christ Life training program next Saturday Nov 22 from 9am-4pm. This will be in preparation for the Series of 7 Thursdays beginning on Jan 22. On Feb 28 there will be a retreat. There will be an alternative 7 week program on Fridays at St Irenaeus. Currently running at St Andrews is Fr Alex Kratz's 3 week course
- Reports are needed from those at CS fair but not present at our meetings. To accomplish this, we will invite them to CS mtgs individually and in a targeted fashion.

3. CS Function update- It is important to connect prayer/faith message with all CS programs.

4. CS Alphabetical List grouped: It was decided to 'profile' each organization in CS and present to the parish (via bulletin? by Sr Grace?)

5. Spring or Fall 'Retreat'- Sr Grace suggested a 2 hr retreat for all CS ministers. The group decided Spring (April) would probably be best. Hopefully, it would include developing

fellowship and being reflectively focused on CS mission and Catholic Social Teaching. It would also be an invite to all parishioners.

There was no further discussion on the following:

- Old Business
 - o a. Follow-up from last month
 - o Website descriptions reviewed
- A word from Sr. Grace

Next meeting December 13

note taker: Judy Rhoads