

## SMOTH Christian Service Commission October 2017 Meeting Minutes

### Connecting Outreach to Catholic Social Teaching

- During this segment, the group discussed ways that the Christian Service Commission could contribute to the “Unleash the Gospel” program
  - Engage the sub-groups more to inform them of this initiative
  - Strive to meet Christ in the people we serve and help them to find Christ in us
  - Give witness in our Service
  - Make a paradigm shift in the way we do our service, striving to unleash the Gospel to those we serve

### Review of September Minutes

- Minutes were approved without comment

### Committees Reports

- Pastoral Care---Adriana Fernandez---no report
- Life Issues---Karen Schenk
  - 40 Days for Life is ongoing now through November 5th. See <https://40daysforlife.com/> Our nearest site is at Northland Family Planning Center, on 17 Mile Road just west of Ryan Road. See the website for more details: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/sterling-heights/>.
  - Since the first coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign took place in 2007 through the first 2017 campaign, leaders have reported 95 abortion facilities have closed their doors! Prayer is the most powerful weapon we have to use against the sinful wiles of evil!
  - Wee Care, an outreach program of RTL Lifespan will again be the recipient of our Giving Tree.
  - Crossroads Care Center will also be a Giving Tree recipient.
- Outreach---Cheryl Bida
  - Capital campaign is progressing and results are promising
  - Fashion show fund raiser is sold out
  - Cheryl is volunteering and will work to solicit more volunteers at St. Mary’s
  - HOPE center volunteer outreach is planned for November 12
- Outreach---Betty Maciejewski
  - SVDP Pod will be available weekend of October 28/29
  - Baldwin Center outreach is planned Nov 18
  - Betty will investigate Christmas Caroling event at Grovecrest
  - Betty will contact Frank Walkiewicz about Manna Meals
  - Betty will confirm Grovecrest is on giving tree list
- Advocacy and Education---Sr. Grace
  - Round table on Charlottesville had 10 people in attendance
  - Tour of mosque on Auburn Road is planned November 4

### Special Projects Overview

- Outreach Work Group---Sr. Grace
  - Roles and Responsibilities---see attachment #1
  - Budget and expenditures---not discussed
  - Form to request funds---see attachment #2
  - Organization chart---see attachment #3 [not discussed in detail due to time]
- Additional outreach to SOS should be discussed at November meeting

### Items from Parish Council Meeting

- Christian Service is signed us up for refreshments at the Dec. 16 meeting. Dan will do the prayer but we need to lead a reflection on the “Unleash the Gospel” module
- Council liked the idea of distributing the business cards with donations. They requested we add the website address
- CCRT is looking for help in distributing turkeys the Saturday before Thanksgiving. This is the same day as the Mass for Solanus Casey so it may be difficult to get volunteers. We should advertise in the bulletin.

**Next meeting date:** Sat. November 18, 2017

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### Attachment #1 Outreach Work Group Roles and Responsibilities

**CS Vision** The Christian Service Commission [CSC] are a group of people from SMOTH that have common goals to promote service to others that others may see Christ in us and that our eyes may be opened to see Christ in others. This will include deepening the Faith and Understanding of Faith both for the members of the Commission, those that we motivate to serve, and those that we serve. Our example will inspire more people to serve in the parish and increase recognition by those outside the parish that St. Mary's is a serving and caring community, inspiring them to join us in our mission. **[June minutes]**

**CS Mission:** Provide opportunities for prayer, service, education, and advocacy as inspired by our Catholic Faith in exercising the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We strive to do this by sharing our passion for Christian Service in word and action with our neighbors.

**Pillars:** prayer, service, education, and advocacy [www.wearesaltandlight.org](http://www.wearesaltandlight.org)

**CS Survey Priority:** Homelessness, Hunger, Mental Health, Full Scope of Respect Life

-----**Outreach Work Group [OWG]** begins July 2017 (separate from Charitable Giving Committee)

1. **Find Opportunities** for Parishioners to engage faith and action. (hands on opportunities) Connect Beatitudes, Catholic Social Teaching, Prayer and Advocacy for all parishioners.
  - a. Submit the project/funding request to CSC
  - b. CSC will review it with the parish timeline/calendar
  - c. After approval, CSC will submit to the OWG to allocate funding
2. **Provide reflection questions** before, during, and after to make the Direct Service experience transformational. Connect to Catholic Social Teaching, Salt and Light... [Click Here for Article to Read](#)
3. Work with Parish Commissions to promote Community Service Experiences.
4. **Track funds.** Based on a percentage of monthly offertory.
  - a. Any CS projects submit receipts and requisition forms to CS Coordinator.
5. **Help the organizer to relate the service activity to improving the situation long term for the people that are served [OWG to re-word]**
6. **Evaluation** after each Community Service Experience.
  - a. Quarterly send summary of experiences and funding allocations to CSC.
  - b. OWG reports to Christian Service Commission which reports to Pastor through the Council.
  - c. CS Coordinator serves as a resource, member of OWG for the short term.

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**Attachment #2 Outreach Funding Request Form**

**OUTREACH FUNDING REQUEST**

**Catholic Social Teaching: Major Themes**

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/sharing-catholic-social-teaching-challenges-and-directions.cfm>

Respect for the Dignity and Life of the Human Person, from Conception to Natural Death

Call to Family and Community Life

The Rights and Duties to Participate in Social, Economic and Political Life

Advancing the Common Good

Promoting Peace and Social Justice

Promoting Human Rights and Responsibilities

Special Care and Concern for the Poor and Vulnerable

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Solidarity – Loving Our Neighbor Locally and Globally

Caring for God’s Creation: Stewardship of the Earth

ORGANIZER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED/ALLOWED: \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATED COST: \_\_\_\_\_ PROPOSED DATE OF PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION OF EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe how the OUTREACH EVENT fits the theme of Catholic Social Teachings or if a gospel teaching relates to it.

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Describe any personal opportunities of face to face interactions with the event.

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Indicate if the event is family friendly

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How does this outreach support the homelessness, hunger, mental health, or the full scope of respect life priorities.

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Plans for Prayer and talking opportunities before, during, or after the outreach experience.

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Plans for visiting the facility and learning its mission or searching its online website.

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Return this form to Christian Services Office. Phone Number 248-243-0258

Other comments

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Attachment #3 Christian Service Commission Organization

Chair-Christian Service Commission [Bill Hill] [Representative to Parish Council]							
Minute Taker [TBD]							
<u>Advocacy &amp; Education</u>	<u>Outreach</u>				<u>Life</u>	<u>Pastoral Care</u>	
TBD	TBD	Cheryl Bida	Betty Maciejewski	Grace Keane	Karen Schenk	Adriana Fernandez	
Peace Roundtable	Giving Tree	South Oakland Shelter	HOPE Center	Staff Coord	Right-to-Life Lifespan [Wee Care]	Stephen Ministries	Blood Drive
Mental Health	Children's Village	RANH [New outreach?]	SVDP	CCSEM Mercy-in-Action	Crossroads Pregnancy Center	Knit & Crochet	Funeral Baskets
Fair Trade	HOPE shelter	HOPE shelter	Baldwin Center	Pontiac Area Vicariate CS	Pro-Life 40 Days	Counseling	Funeral Luncheon
Climate Issues	Gleaners	RANH Clothes Closet	Grovecrest	USCCB	Physician Assisted Suicide	Shoe Recycling	Sunshine Cards
Legislative Advocacy	Jail Outreach Ministry	Interchurch Women [RANH pantry]	God's Helping Hands	Education		Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers	Exercise Group
Gun Violence	John R Cleanup	St. Michael Food Pantry	Manna Meals	Charitable Giving Outreach Work Group??	Mary's Mantle	CCRT	Meal Share-We Care
Immigration	Justice Initiative		Tours	Bulletin	Genetic Meddling		
				Refugee Resettlement	End of Life Issues		

Subcommittee Coordinators work with the groups underneath them to organize and participate in their activities [where possible]. They report back to the CSC on these activities and any future planning. The coordinators are the communicators from CSC to the sub-groups coordinators.