

SHORT FORM REPORT

Peace and Justice Meeting, December 12

PRESENT: Mary Anne Boyd, Kathy Hays, Jodi Knollman, Debbie Otero, Claire Tenhundfeld, Don Weinkam

ABSENT: Marian Kaiser **PRAYER:** Debbie Otero

MAINTENANCE: Chapter 3, *Laudato Si'* New era of technology presents challenges because it is changing how humans deal with nature. Countless benefits but also detrimental in terms of human and relational concerns.

DECISIONS: Refugees. Will invite Scott Stephens to make presentation on Archdiocesan Resettlement Program at 10:00 a.m. either February 25 or March 5. Will follow up with monthly collection of items for refugees' welcome baskets. **Outreach Opportunities.** Will promote various hands-on outreach opportunities monthly through the bulletin and include descriptions of the ministries and appropriate contact information

DISCUSSION: Finished reviewing Goal III of **Go and Make Disciples**. Will discern two new strategies from the list for the purpose of evangelizing. Our parish failed to acknowledge **Respect Life Sunday/Month** this year. The Archdiocese provides multiple resources to parishes for recognizing this observance. It was noted that this observance dates back to the 1970s and is properly termed by the Church as "Respect Life" because it refers to all life-related issues as opposed to prolife which focuses primarily on the abortion issue. Discussed the need to include healing and reconciliation of post-abortive persons in our Intercessions at Mass. The Commission will pursue having a presentation regarding **Project Rachel** to help parishioners learn about this aspect of the ministry.

REPORTS: Parish Life will invite different area churches to attend each of their Wednesday **Soup Suppers**. Commission offered recommendations for additional agencies to present at these events. Mike Gable from the Archdiocesan Mission Office will be joining the representatives from Little Flower on their next trip to **Madagascar**. The trip has been postponed until 2018.

NEXT MEETING: January 9

SHORT FORM REPORT

Worship Commission Meeting, December 13

PRESENT: Terry Crooker, Fr. McMullen, Danny Otero, Dianne Sabelhaus, Claire Tenhundfeld

ABSENT: Marty Burke, Audrey Kasak

MAINTENANCE: Reviewed and discussed element of the Introductory Rite in the Roman Missal.

DECISIONS: Will begin publishing short articles in bulletin to draw attention to the purpose and meaning of elements from the 4 movements of the Mass.

DISCUSSION:

A. Considered and re-affirmed Worship Commission response to **Pastoral Council questionnaire**.

B. **Christmas** – Will design a take-away gift to be presented to worshippers by greeters as they exit Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas.

C. **Liturgical Ministers** – Have added Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers at 4:30 liturgies. Number of liturgical ministers for all Masses appears to be satisfactory for the present, but new recruits always welcome.

D. Planning an **in-service for Liturgical Ministers**. Terry Crooker will contact Fr. Larry Tensi to do presentation. This is for all current liturgical ministers (lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Coordinators, ushers, greeters, music ministers, as well as any new ministers who would be wish to join the ranks. Date still to be determined.

REPORTS: Advent bulletin inserts and e-mails received positive response. Commission considered two parishioner requests: Establishment of a new prayer ministry for the parish. Organization of Visitation/Communion to the homebound ministry. Both proposals will require additional research and consideration at future meeting.

Next meeting: January 10.