

# HOLY REDEEMER PRO-LIFE GROUP MEETING NOTES

## MEETING NUMBER: 20

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2010

PLACE: Faculty Meeting Room.

TIME: 11:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDEES: MARA RAJPUT, COORDINATOR, SAM AND MARY CLARE THOMPSON, ED KEANE, AND TERESA MCALLISTER.

Mara: Opening Prayer – asking for direction for the group

Group: Closing Prayer – Intercessions for life in our community

### 1) **Bazaar, Mara:**

- There were \$60 in donations of which \$20 was donated by Anne Pagano to cover the cost of the cards. It was the group consensus that this money should be saved to fund the St. Ann's Baby Bottle fund raising event for the Spiritual Adoption Campaign end on Mother's Day.
- Mara discussed the 'ew' reaction of many to the little preborn models and the contrast in reception that the preborn models received at similar events in Baltimore that she experienced and also conveyed by Jack Ames of Defend Life. (The typical reaction elsewhere is for a mother to see the models and happily/excitedly explain to her son or daughter, "This is how you looked when you were little". On a positive note, it was a growing/learning experience for one group of teenage siblings and their mother who had recently miscarried at 16 weeks. Mara provided them with information from the Blanket of Love project that she can bring to her parish. In the meeting we agreed that this sounds like a great ministry for our parish. (See item #9)

### 2) **Hillcrest Report for October & November 2010 by Dick Retta, Teresa:** This report which gives the number of saves is not out yet.

### 3) **Saint Anne's Infant Home, Mara:**

Saint Ann's Infant Home is having their Annual Christmas Open House on Sunday December 12, 2010 from 2 – 4:30 with Benediction at 4:00 p.m. It should be put in the bulletin.

St. Ann's is unable to accept used items at this time. Only new items will be accepted and the items most needed will be listed on our St. Ann's donation box in the hallway.

### 4) **Local Abortion News, Mara & Teresa:**

- In response to LeRoy Carhart, late term abortionist arrival at Germantown Reproductive Services in Germantown, the Archdiocese of Washington will be hosting a Witness to Life event on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> at Mother Seton Parish. See the attached flier for details. We will post this flier on the Pro Life Bulletin board.
- 34 of the 35 aborted babies recovered in a police raid in New Jersey abortionist, Steven Brigham's, secret Elkton late-term abortion mill were buried in a secret service in Elkton, MD. The article is attached,
- "50 Years of 'The Pill' in America" was an all Day presentation in Washington DC by Human Life International on December 3, 2010. Among the noted speakers were Prof. Janet Smith, chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart major Seminary and author, Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, Breast Cancer Surgeon, and Dr. John Bruchalski, Founder of Tepeyac Family Center.

### 5) **Angel Tree, Teresa:**

HR Pro Life is doing the Angel Tree project with the youth group again this year. Teresa assembled all the nearly 250 ornaments and will be helping Marie Winterson to transport the gifts to St. Ann's. The end date of the Angel Tree drive is Sunday January 9, 2010. We will not have a community Sunday for this event.

### 6) **Pro Life March, Mara, Teresa:**

- We will not have a day of prayer in the church on the day of the March. Instead we will gear our efforts to combining parishes for a group bus trips

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- Mara is going to contact, Jim Althoff 410-527-1045, her connection for utilizing Dillans' bus service as well as Maggie Lippert (Holy Redeemer) and Kathy Wooten (St. Mark's) Thomas Trunk (St. Hugh's) and St. Jerome's to see if we can combine parishes to fill buses.
  - Mara also said that some of the buses have the entire speaking event on audio within the bus so that people who want to attend that are handicapped can still go but be comfortably seated on the bus to listen.
  - Mara, may be going to India for nearly 20 days in January and will have to coordinate this event before hand, but hopefully representatives from, St. Mark's, St. Hugh's & St. Jerome's will be able to handle details while she is away.
- 7) **Additional Fliers, Books & Brochures, Teresa:** Teresa has funding from a friend to order more of Stephen Mosher's (PRI) literature for distribution.
- 8) **Book Reports, Teresa:** We can't stop doing reports even if we are the only ones getting the message. The next presentation we need to make is on debunking the over population myth. We will have to address this in another meeting.
- 9) **Blanket of Love, Mara, Ed:** This is a piece work blanket commemorating babies that have been lost through abortion, miscarriage, or stillbirth. The family can have a memorial square created by the DeMarillac Center in Emmitsburg, MD. After receiving the square, a person in the parish can sew the square onto the memorial blanket. (Is there a group who does quilts for the Harvest Bazaar?). Rob Bart from Mara's old parish, St. Francis Xavier, who had lost 5 children from miscarriage spearheaded this project there and would be willing to come down to present it to Father George here. Ed shared with us the heartaches that other couples went through when they lost their children and thought the blanket of love would be a good idea. This will be something that Mara will work on after the January March. This ministry helps families heal by encouraging them to give the baby a name and help them mourn for children who are often unacknowledged by family & friends.
- 10) **Pot Luck 40 Days, Mara, Sam & Mary Clare, Ed & Teresa:** All shared at how enjoyable the Pot Luck and Pro Life Movie were for them and their children and possibly the Youth Group and Pro Life could sponsor this event again in connection with 40 Days For Life Spring and hopefully get active Youth Group participation.