

Notes from Our Lady of Fatima Social Ministry Committee Meeting  
which took place on September 8, 2010 in the Gathering Space at St. Catherine's.

Those in attendance were: Father Tom Jennings, Lisa Kremer from Catholic Charities, Sue Buffington, Becky Ranschau, Bill Deutsch, Virginia Gerken, Tillie Clark, Connie Wieneke, Sue Linebeck, Dick Smook and Mary Lou Mulligan.

Lisa opened our meeting with a prayer which was based on the seven themes of Catholic social teaching.

Then she handed out a Catholic Charities review of summer report.

She stressed the importance of an upcoming meeting called BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO LIFE --- PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY GATHERING. It will take place in Paynesville on October 8/9. She had brochures which included registrations for anyone interested in attending. Father Tom said that our parish would pay for the fee for one person or partially for more people. Lisa would like to arrange carpools to take people up there.

Lisa told us that the tickets are nearly sold out for the appearance of Immaculee Ilibagiza in Worthington on October 11. She had a very few tickets with her for purchase. Becky got a pair of tickets so we will look forward to her report of the event.

Lisa said that she and the priests in Worthington are organizing an immigration retreat in the near future, perhaps October 30<sup>th</sup>. It will focus on the issue of human dignity and more details will be made public as soon as the arrangements are finalized.

Lisa also handed out copies of the Minnesota Bishops statement on Immigration.

Father asked her to appear at our October Adult Faith Formation event on October 13 to speak on immigration. He also asked her to speak at the November event on the subject of marriage but they will finalize those plans at a later date. He also mentioned that this month is Catholic Charities 100<sup>th</sup> birthday so at our Social Ministry Committee meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> we will have a birthday party. He will bring a cake and Lisa will blow out the candles.

Mary Lou read the announcement from our bulletin regarding the Assisi Heights Spirituality Center event called HEALTH CARE & IMMIGRATION REFORM: In Search of the Common Good. All are invited.

Sue Buffington reported that our parish had the highest amount ever collected for Relay for Life this past summer: \$2376.50. Next year she will again do the daffodil fund raiser in spring and then the Walgrave family will take over the Relay for Life projects for the rest of the summer.

Elizabeth Ministry had no report from St. Catherine's but Becky reported that St. Mary's group is up and running and all caught up on meals right now. They have a lot of eager volunteers.

Habitat for Humanity Sunday is September 18/19 and we will have a Board for the Lord again as a fund raiser.

Cropwalk is September 26 in the City Park at 2 PM. All are welcome. Mary Lou will be in the Gathering Space asking for donations until then. 25 % of all donations stay right here in Rock county. Bread for the World Offering of letters will happen on October 16/17.

Mary Lou passed a sheet for anyone to sign who would be willing to sell Fair Trade Coffee following weekend Masses the first and third weekends of each month.

She said that JRLC will have another lobbying Day on the Hill in March and all are invited to attend that. Lisa Kremer will try to arrange carpools.

Mary Lou talked about the Network group which lobbies for issues that affect the Common Good. She also laid out the dates for the meetings for the rest of the school year. All meetings this year will happen at 6 PM and on the first Wednesday of each month. We will plan to skip some months.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Lou Mulligan, Coordinator