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14 May 2016

Mary Our Queen Trinity Room

In Attendance:

Whitney Bradley – Coordinator, RLA
Fr. Kevin Vogel – Chaplain, RLA
Tom Venzor – Nebraska Catholic Conference
Amy Dickas – Media Specialist, CFLF
Sheila George – St. Peter
Mary Muckey – St. James
Doris Klitz – St. John Vianney
Angie Wingert – St. Wenceslaus
Cathy Boone – St. Wenceslaus
Guadalupe Lima – St. Joseph
Marcy Gregory - Mary Our Queen
Connie Johnson – St. Thomas More
Bob Hamilton – Mary Our Queen
Lois Coyne – Mary Our Queen

Monika Maides – Christ the King
Lynn Weist – St. Leo
Michael Jones – St. Columbkille
Sue Bednarz – St. Francis of Assisi
Mary Ziola – St. Bernadette
Suzanne Kerr – St. Vincent de Paul
Carolyn Manhart – St. Margaret Mary
Liz Sambol – St. Roberts
Mary Beth Burton – Holy Cross
Janice Wear – St. Patrick, Gretna
Cathy McDermott – Christ the King
Ann Marie Bowen – Nebraskans United for Life
Liz Miller – Metro Pro-Life Advocates

Upcoming Parish and School Pro-Life Coordinator Meetings

- 13 August 2016
- 12 November 2016
- 14 January 2017
- 11 March 2017
- 13 May 2017

1. Local Events and Activities – Whitney Bradley

- Pro-Life Essay Contest Winners
 - We had a record number of entries (134). The names of the winners and the first place essays for each grade (7-11) will be posted online by the Catholic Voice.
- “40” Film
 - Below is a list of the 10 parishes that now have license to the 40 Film. They will be hosting events until the end of October. Feel free to contact the coordinators at any in your area if you would like to help them promote the film.
 - Christ the King
 - Our Lady of Lourdes
 - Sacred Heart, Norfolk
 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton
 - St. Francis Borgia
 - St. Gerald
 - St. John Vianney
 - St. Joseph
 - St. Patrick, Fremont
 - St. Vincent de Paul
- Living Rosary
 - The Living Rosary is always held in March. Whitney will send out an email to the participating parishes asking for a volunteer to host the event in 2017.
- Vigil for Life
 - September 3rd is the Vigil for Life.
- Leroy Carhart is being investigated by the Select Investigation Panel of Congress concerning five women who were sent to a hospital from his Maryland facility. He will appear before the panel on June 13th. Please, pray for his conversion as well as an end to his practices.



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2. Bishops Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities – Tom Venzor

- a. Greg's New Position at USCCB
 - i. Greg Schleppenbach has taken the position of Associate Director for the Pro-life Secretariat at the USCCB. His going away party will be June 5th.
 - ii. Sheri Rickert is also leaving in order to discern with a religious order.
 - iii. Jim Cunningham will return temporarily to help with the transition.
- b. Death Penalty Effort Update
 - i. The Nebraska Catholic Conference and representatives from each diocese in Nebraska have formed a committee and will be giving out more information in August, closer to the vote.
 - ii. The Office of Missions and Justice is coordinating this effort for the Archdiocese, and the Respect Life Apostolate will assist.
- c. Project Rachel Workshop Training Summary
 - i. The trainings in both Grand Island and Omaha went very well.
 - ii. Vicki Thorn will return as the keynote speaker at the pro-life banquet in September.
 - iii. You can YouTube her talk [The Biology of the Theology of the Body](#).
 - iv. Across the state, calls for Project Rachel have dropped in number although we know the need is still great. Tom Venzor is looking for ways to promote Project Rachel, and he would welcome any suggestions. Fliers for Project Rachel can be found at NECatholic.org or at Family.ArchOmaha.org
- d. Quarterly Newsletter Mailing and Activity Report
 - i. This will be issued Monday (5/16/16).
 - ii. Tom will also be sending out an Activity Report. This will help him better understand the kind of work each parish is doing, to gather project ideas, and to assess where he can be of help.

3. Reports from Coordinators and Miscellaneous Announcements

- a. Nebraskans united for Life – Ann Marie Bowen
 - i. The RV has been traveling. They did a presentation in Grand Island and at Roncalli in Omaha. They would like to get into more schools if anyone is interested in helping.
- b. News from other coordinators
 - i. OPS is holding a final vote on their Human Growth and Development Curriculum on 5/16/16.
 - ii. The Archdiocese has formed a Human Sexuality Formation Committee to address the curriculum for our families, Religious Ed Programs, and Catholic Schools. This will be ready to launch in late 2017.
 - iii. Mary Our Queen will be hosting their pro-life gathering. More information to come.
 - iv. Carhart has changed its hours again. Sidewalk councilors are always needed as well as prayers and post abortion counselling.
 - i. Whitney will update the hours and post them to the Respecting Life Resource page on Family.ArchOmaha.org
- c. CFLF Media Center – Amy Dickas
 - i. Amy Dickas presented stories of Catholics who converted because of their investigation into the prolife movement. She invites everyone to come by the Media Center to check out books and movies any time!

4. Closing Prayer