



**Respect Life Apostolate Parish Coordinators  
Meeting Minutes March 12, 2016  
Mary Our Queen Trinity Room**

The meeting began with prayer, led by Fr. Vogel.

Welcome & Introductions

Note: fliers/minutes/meeting info available at [Family.ArchOmaha.org](http://Family.ArchOmaha.org)

**Parish Representatives:**

Mary Mucky, St. James	Caroline Parys, St. James	Sheila George, St. Peter
Angie Wingert, St. Wenceslaus	Liz Sambol, St. Robert	Carolyn Manhart, St. Margaret Mary
Mary Beth Burton, Holy Cross	Lauren Bopp, St. Pius X	Marcy Johnson-Gregory, Mary Our Queen
Stephen Zach, St. Cecilia	Nadine Schmid, St. Joan of Arc	Julie Schram, St. Pius X
Suzanne Kerr, St. Vincent de Paul	Connie Johnson, St. Thomas More	Cathy McDermott, Christ the King
Craig Wallace, St. Stephen the Martyr	Guadalupe Lima, St. Joseph-Omaha	Hughie Thorsen, Holy Cross
Lois Coyne, Mary Our Queen	Monika Maides, Christ the King	Ann Marie Bowen, St. John Vianney (NUL)
Gene Wessling, Mary Our Queen	Joan Niemeyer, St. Bernard	Liz Miller, St. Mary-Bellevue
Doris Klitz, St. John Vianney	Kathy Volkman, St. Charles Borromeo	Mary Fink, St. Philip Neri/Bl. Sacrament

**Upcoming Parish and School Pro-Life Coordinator Meetings**

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

**Local Events & Activities- Whitney Bradley**

1. 40 Days for Life
  - a. Let know Liz or Bob know about how hours are being filled (i.e. Are there people praying before/after you?)
  - b. March 15: Candlelight Vigil at Planned Parenthood
    - i. 6-7 p.m.
    - ii. Moms of Faith from St. James hosting
  - c. March 25: Stations of the Cross
    - i. Noon, Good Friday
    - ii. Stations will be held at both Planned Parenthood and the Abortion & Contraception Clinic of NE
2. January 22-March 25, 2016: Pro-Life Essay Contest
  - a. Flier & directions are on the website
  - b. Please circulate within parishes
  - c. Information has already been sent to schools
3. March 13, 2016: Living Rosary
  - a. Will be held at Christ the King: Fr. Damien Cook, Homilist
  - b. Coordinators typically bring desserts for reception following.
4. Tom Venzor- Bishops Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities
  - a. Legislative Update
    - i. Profit in acquisition of fetal tissue
      1. Legislation stalled
      2. Language was vague
    - ii. Proper burial of aborted babies
    - iii. LB 767 Dismemberment bill: Prohibition on this method (most commonly used in 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester).
    - iv. LB 768 Pro-Life License Plate Bill

1. Transportation & telecommunications committee
2. Out of committee and to be made a priority bill
3. Sen. Chambers amendment
- v. Down's Syndrome bill
  1. HHS would have to have info sheet for all health care providers that would be distributed any time a diagnosis or screening reveals high-likelihood of Down's Syndrome.
  2. Got out of committee with no problems.
  3. Pro-information bill
  4. Consent calendar
- vi. Sen. Chamber's bill for doctor-prescribed suicide
  1. Thank those senators who opposed.
  2. Contact Sen. Krist to let him know your disappointment about his support of getting this legislation out of committee.
- vii. Project Rachel Training
  1. May 5/6
  2. More details forthcoming
- b. Pro-Life Education Series
  - i. Sunday, April 10 at 7 p.m.
  - ii. St. Patrick's Social Hall, Lincoln
5. Metro Pro-Life Advocates
  - a. Liz Miller: training was held on Saturday, Feb. 20 at St. Mark's Hall (St. Mary – Bellevue).
  - b. Helpers of God's Precious Infants prayer booklets
6. Nebraskan's United for Life
  - a. April 9 & 10- Health & Wellness Fair at Baxter Arena : Volunteers needed
  - b. April: Celebrating 40 years of Surprise Thrift Shop
  - c. Mailing will be sent out about Mother's Day ad
7. Monika Maides:
  - a. Cathedral is having fundraiser for Bethlehem House on March 18.
  - b. Larry Roland is running against Sara Howard, District 9
8. Christ the King will be having a St. Joseph Altar on March 19.
9. Inquiry regarding CRS support via envelopes
10. Question was raised regarding an apostolate in which homebound can offer their sufferings for the intentions of life
11. Fr. Vogel will be going to St. Boniface to serve as pastor. He plans to remain in his current role as the spiritual advisor for our group and hopes to be able to virtually attend meetings.
12. Celebrating Life's Transition to adulthood: Mother/Daughter and Father/Son programs
  - a. For 5<sup>th</sup> graders
  - b. \$10/family
  - c. Sessions will be held in March and April.
  - d. For information about the program content: Call Jynell at 402-697-1245

Fr. Vogel concluded the meeting with prayer and a blessing.

Prayer times at the Bellevue Abortion Mill (1002 W. Mission Ave.)

- Fridays, 11 a.m.- noon (priest/deacon)
- Saturdays, 6:30-7:30 a.m.
- Saturdays, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Omaha Lambs of Christ
- Saturdays, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Helper's of God's Precious Infants

Prayer times at Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93<sup>rd</sup> St.)

- Mondays, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (with a priest/deacon from 11:00 a.m - noon
- Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Prayer times at Gabriel's Corner (131 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Council Bluffs, IA)

- Saturdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration