



# Holy Cross Church Social Concerns Committee

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## Minutes

9/1/09

Attendance: Kathy Lessard, Fr. Carlos, Matt Corbliss, Donna Latteri, Joy Pyles, Sue Comstock, Pat Gallagher and Jim Cordie.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Fr. Carlos.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

- Holy Cross has donated \$1000 to the Kent County Pregnancy Help Center \$1,000.
- A second collection during October will be donated the Center.
- The gospel choir has been asked to schedule a concert to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center with the possible dates of Friday, May 14th or Friday April 16th. It would be held in the church. A tag day might also be arranged in the school.
- Fr. Dan has approved the post abortion program to developed at Holy Cross with the guidance and training of Catholic Charities.
- Respect Life Sunday will be October 4th.
  - Holy Cross will have a pro-life bulletin insert on October 4th.
  - Also, a pro-life posted will be in the gathering space throughout October along with pro-life literature.
- Matt Corbliss of Holy Cross' St. Vincent de Paul Team spoke about the prison ministry program
  - There will be an insert in the September 27th bulletin explaining the work of the Program at Holy Cross.
  - \$500.00 would be donated by the Samaritans to the Program.
- It has been recommended the social concerns monthly meetings be held at St. Thomas Moore school to permit participation in our ministries by the students.
  - Kathy will seek approval of this plan.
  - The poor box will be emphasized by the cantor at the beginning of Mass. Fr. Dan is getting tasteful signs to place above the poor boxes to draw attention to them.
- Volunteer Day maybe more productive if directed to off campus assist to shut ins and the less fortunate in the community.
  - We will obtain names of persons needing odd jobs done around their homes from Parish and Family Life, Ministry of Caring, and the Ministry of taking the Host to shut ins.
  - We are also looking into other ideas for community involvement.
- Fr. Carlos reported that many people have been coming to the rectory asking for food. He is going once a month to the prison and urging the Spanish community to become involved in the church. He will also encourage some of the community to come to our meetings.
- The Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing has begun renovating a building on Forrest Avenue which will be permanent housing for the homeless men now being served by the Holy Trinity

Church of the Living God on Division Street. Holy Cross volunteers served a week of dinners and breakfasts to an average of 30 men in June.

- The Forty Days for Life campaign will begin on September 23rd.
  - Forty Days for Life is a national event during which people pledge to fast, pray, and stand vigil at Planned Parenthood facilities.
  - Holy Cross will have sign up sheets in the gathering space during Masses on September 12th and 13th and September 19th and 20th.
  - The next Pro-Life meeting will be September 15th at Pat Gallagher's home.
- The next Social Concerns meeting will be in the Early Learning Center on October 5th at 12:00 pm.
- The meeting was closed with a prayer by Kathy.