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JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 8th, 2021-6:30 pm – 8:00 pm-Sacred Heart Church Commons
Meet-and-great 6:15 pm-6:30 pm

Frank welcomed and thanked all present for attending the meeting to share reports and information from Social and Environmental Ministries, and from Community Partners. He gave a special welcome to returning guest/partner, Mrs. Cheri Britt, Co-Director of Hope 4 Life. Sacred Heart has a tradition of doing a baby diaper and a blanket drive for H4.

Attendees: Frank Murphy, Patricia Britz, Brendan Pigott, William Wallace, Francesca Smith, Tom Bosse

Guest: Cheri Britt, Co-Director for Hope 4 Life

Attendees introduced themselves. We observed a moment of silence for the end of global violence and injustice.

William read — The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood for Christ Last Sun. Gospel Reading, **Mark 14:12-16, 22-26** Preparation for the Passover and a reflection followed.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIME: Catholic Virginian—All articles can be viewed on the website: All News (richmonddiocese.org) Articles highlighted were: May 31st U.S. Bishops Pro-Life Chairman Reacts to President's Removal of the Hyde Amendment in Federal Budget. May 31st Solar Panel Installed at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, May 31st. Next Supreme Court Term Critical for the Unborn, May 31.

COMMUNITY PARTNER—Cheri Britt (hope4lifeva.com) gave attendees an overall report on the work of H4L, *a catholic organization which provides compassionate, non-judgmental and practical assistance via two mobile pregnancy resource centers to young women and families in the Hampton Roads area who are experiencing crisis or unplanned pregnancies. The mobiles, Ruth and Naomi, are parked near area abortion clinics so we can reach out to abortion-vulnerable women with help, hope, and resources. H4L offers pregnancy tests, ultrasound services, and confidential counseling. These free services will enable mothers and fathers to encounter the humanity of their developing child and will encourage them to carry their babies to term. All are invited to visit the two mobiles with a picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary on them.*

OSM UPDATE—Patricia: Diocesan OSM calendar focuses are **June**: Refugee Awareness Month, and Solidarity; **July**: Justice Through Advocacy, call to Family, Community, and Participation; **August:** Global Solidarity & Haiti Awareness, Solidarity.POC: **Rachael Laustrup,** Director Office of Social Ministries & Respect Life | Catholic Diocese of Richmond (richmonddiocese.org)

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) CHAPTER UPDATE—Frank: CRS Chapter Initiative in the Richmond Diocese continues. The Eastern Vicariate, our region, now has a Chapter which will meet monthly with Chapters nationally followed by a regional meeting. The members will not only be instrumental in advancing CRS's mission to help those most in need around the world but will also have opportunities to learn more about CRS's work and improve their leadership skills through webinars, presentations from guest speakers and trainings. Frank and Patricia are members since March 2021. Churches represented include Sacred Heart, Holy Spirit, Holy Family, Saint Therese, and others. Also, **Rachael Laustrup** OSM Director, and Marie Hess Program Coordinator, Richmond Diocese. CRS

PPC NEWS—Tom B. **&** Brendan

* Immediate attention is on parish reopening as the COVID-19 restrictions are lifting. The Bishop Knestout lifted the special dispensation for Mass attendance on June 26. We are returning to normal operations except for unvaccinated still

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required to wear masks, distribution of the Eucharist by the host only, and a few food service restrictions. We do not know yet when Soup Kitchen will return to normal operations in the Commons. That may be a while yet.

* Strategic Plan update is progressing. Inputs are being consolidated. More than 80 parishioners responded to the parish survey and those results will be factored into the plan.

* Neil's memorial work continues. Targeted fundraising request has been sent to about 85 parishioners and money is starting to come in. We hope to wrap up the project this summer and schedule a commemoration / dedication before early fall. POC: Brendan Pigott and Tom Bosse

* Putting emphasis on getting volunteers back as we return to normal operations. Ministry Fairs will be held every six months. We are short volunteers in Mass support functions: ushers, lectors, EMs, Mass Coordinators, Altar Servers, etc.

* Once back to normal - we will schedule a parish celebration / remembrance --- probably a picnic in the fall.

* Will start the discernment process for the next PPC in the fall.

Frank reviewed the **J&P CALENDAR June-August**

FORMATION—Brendan Haïti Mineral Resources - YouTube A reflection followed on the use of Haiti's natural resources by the international community.

MINISTRY UPDATES ON REPORTS

Care for Creation— (May Minutes Attached)
Frank: This ministry is currently helping GAM to become environmentally conscious. Also, GAM is starting a tomato and flower garden. Keep Norfolk Beautiful commitment: Princess Anne Road cleaning for the third quarter will occur Aug. 21, or Sept. 18th if it rains. This parish event will be advertised on a Constant Contact. Reduction of paper usage by the parish has been subject to the parameters of the COVID-19 regulations. Fr. Paul agrees to continue promoting an increase of electronic use for weekly bulletins and Liturgy sheets. QR codes are implemented.
The June bulletins will have an Elizabeth River Project update to find parishioners who are currently involved in the River Star Homes program as well as people who are involved in raising oyster spats through the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The addition of those groups would aid in Sacred Heart moving forward with its membership in the River Star Business category. It will also serve to encourage more households to become members of those organizations and their respective efforts.

Legislative Advocacy/Bread for the World—Mike (Bulletin note)

Offering of Letters to Congress (bread.org)

Homelessness & Soup Kitchen—Frank & Patricia (Reports)

Patricia: Soup Kitchen (in need of pasta), The Norfolk Street Choir Project (street sheet), Norfolk Catholic Worker (continues the Soup-Line), The Center/Temporary Shelter. Frank: parishioners are aware of the creation of the Center at the old Greyhound site by the city of Norfolk. This effort is scheduled from May 1st to October 1st. At least 5 parishioners are volunteering on the site.Fr. Paul approved making the volunteer/donation sign up available via Constant Contact soon.

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Haiti Twinning Ministry—Patricia (May Minutes)

Fr. Fitho Jean is the new priest at SG. Communication is mostly done through WhatsApp. School will end June 25th. End of year exams have started this week. There will be 27 graduates this year. SH and the greater community have provided lunches at the school cafeteria for 23 students, paid salary for 10 teachers ($100 monthly), ½ head of school, 1 nurse, provided $100 for medical assistance, gave funds at Christmas for high school books from the Advent Giving Tree. Also, Mrs. LeMay's and the Walsh family's endowment has provided 20 scholarships. This year, we supported one student at the Normal School (teacher certification school). Starting last year, we are slowly decreasing our support of the operation cost of the school and investing in small projects that are source of funds for SG: stationery and school supply shop, water shop, and a water system for the operation of the parish community building. The vision is to decrease our twin parish dependency and invest in their increased leadership and raising of funds.

Respect Life from Conception to Natural Death—Patricia: J&P members continue writing to 7 elders.

At least 5 parishioners continue praying the rosary in front of the VA Beach abortion clinic. J&P invited Cheri Britt, Co-Director of Hope 4 Life (a Catholic organization) to tell members of the J&P of her effort. Fr. Paul is supportive of the effort for the Dignity of Life from Conception to Natural Death.

Pro-Life Public right-of-way (the sidewalk), Park on Lake Edward Dr or the parking lot of the brick church behind 7-11. At least 3 parishioners continue a presence on the site throughout the year.

VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE (Jeff Caruso)

Save the Hyde Amendment Save Hyde | Virginia Catholic Conference (vacatholic.org)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day, Friday, June 11th Mass at 11:00 am, Pizza Dinner 6:30 pm Pizza Dinner Sign Up — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com

- Out of parish Yard Sale to Support Saint Gabriel, Sat., June 26th, POC William. wgwbraveheart@hotmail.com

William offered the closing prayer: Choose Life, Deuteronomy 30:19-20

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6/15-Tues.	*HTM Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm- Commons (all are welcome POC: Patricia Britz/Brendan Pigott)*
6/9	Fr. Ady Mytial/Haiti 21st Ordination Anniversary
6/11-	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 Days after Pentecost, on a Friday)
6/8-10-	HTM Trilogy of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
6/15- Mon.	Care for Creation Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm-Commons (all are welcome, POC: Frank Murphy)
July	
7/15-	Fr. Paul's Ordination Anniversary
7/13-Tues.	*Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) Meeting, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm-Commons*
August	
8/1-	Fr. Paul' 5th Anniversary at SH
8/21-Sat.UPDATED	**Summer Street Clean Up, 9:00 am - 10:30 pm (Care for Creation Team & Volunteers)/ Rain Day Option, Sept. 18-**
Tues. 8/10-	*HTM Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm- Commons (all are welcome POC: Patricia Britz/Brendan Pigott)*

PARTNERS: Rachael Laustrup OSM Director, Richmond Diocese**, John Guglielmino** Norfolk Community Service Board Program Administrator Housing & Homeless Services**, Timothy Gilddens** GAM Director, **Caitlin Reynolds,** MPA VA Supportive Housing**, Steve Baggarly** Norfolk Catholic Worker & Sowers of Justice, **Theresa Stanley** Sowers of Justice (this group represents many Social Ministries in Eastern Vicarate), **Jay Brown** CCC, **Chris Tan** Catholic Charity, **Marla Newby** Reentry Coordinator, **Ed Marroni** (Holy Family/Environment & Sowers of Justice), **Pam Boatwright** Elizabeth River Projects, **Fleta Jackson** Keep Norfolk Beautiful, **Anne Odell**, NEST Coordinator, **Mallory Reckling** FoodBank of Southearstern VA & The Eastern Shore Community Engagement Coordinator (3/1/21 guest), **Jeff Caruso** VA Catholic Conference, **Cheri Britt, Louantha Kerr (Co-Directors), Liz Danlez Baby Bottle Drive Coordinator**-Hope4Life, **Denise Parker** Health Educator-FAMIS Department of Medical Assistance Services Commonwealth of Virginia (5/3/21 guest)