

ST. PIUS X SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
1/17/00 MEETING MINUTES and PARISH COUNCIL REPORT
Submitted by Lois Judd, Chairperson

ATTENDEES: Rosalie Baker, Cathy Chism, Sue Dunne, David Dutschke, Lois Judd, Jim McGoff, Sonny Prentice, Missy Wright, and Ben McConnell, Associate Organizer of CLOUT.

REPORTS:

COMMITTEES: BAMP Habitat for Humanity: Volunteers work on houses 4th weekend each month.

CLOUT: planning April 3 training to focus on one-on-one with CLOUT churches' members mid-April to July, to build relationships and to help gauge what people are concerned about in their neighborhoods (see attached information from CLOUT about what the one-on-one process can do); looking for mutual concerns to determine county-wide issues for assembly to address and take action on mid-November; CLOUT possibly to help with localized issues as well; Cathy Chism to list about 15 St. Pius contacts for one-on-ones; results of Direct Instruction survey also distributed; announced DART (Direct Action and Research Training Center, Inc.) leadership development training on congregation-based community organizing to be held March 14-18 in Florida; interested persons from CLOUT member churches eligible to attend.

Commodities for the Poor: collections carried to altar at Offertory; distribution alternates monthly between SEAM & Sr. Visitor Center.

Diapers for Home of the Innocents: 334 diapers delivered (2773 in '99 through 12/01)

Environmental Committee: 1/11/00 meeting postponed due to death of John Beyke's brother.

Legislative Advocacy Network (LAN): See NEW BUSINESS re: Catholic Charities Days during Kentucky General Assembly.

Monthly Theme Collection: 61 items (19 scarves, 24 pairs of gloves, 18 toboggans) collected in November and delivered to Sister Visitor Center; see also Goodwill donations listed under SEAM.

One-on-One Committee: No organized activity to report; reminded committee to take advantage of chance encounters to engage in one-on-one process to build relationships in the church (refer to attached information from CLOUT about what that process can do for churches).

Operation Rice Bowl: Planning for Lent 2000 begun; to coordinate with Art Turner; may approach sporting events' organizers for more opportunities to raise money for ORB.

Outreach to the Homeless: Visits to Wayside Christian Mission's Men's Shelter 1st Sunday each month; meet at church at 6:00 and return about 8:30 P.M.

Parish Advocacy Program: No new report.

Respect Life Committee: \$370 raised from 72 names plus donations, for 1/22/00 Courier Journal Right to Life ad; provided information and schedule of discernment events at Community of Epiphany regarding abolishment of the death penalty.

Sharing & Caring Tree: Thanks to 13 St. Pius families for delivering countless gifts, including \$1200 in cash donations and almost \$1100 in Kroger and Target gift certificates, to six families in need.

Soup Kitchen Volunteers: Serve meals at St. Paul's Soup Kitchen (formerly St. Paul's Catholic Church on Jackson Street) 1st Wednesday each month, 2:45 till about 4:15 P.M.

Thanksgiving baskets: Enough food for 10 families served by SEAM, plus about \$475 in cash donations.

PARISH SOCIAL WORKER: Volunteers professional assistance as needed.

SEAM: 1185 pounds (clothing, housewares, etc.) in parish donations to Goodwill in SEAM's name November and December; 160 pounds in January; no response yet to bulletin announcements seeking interested persons who may be "called to serve" on SEAM board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Archdiocesan Jubilee Justice Campaign/Debt Forgiveness Campaign: several full pages of signed petitions turned in to David Dutschke; possible follow-up action might include an educational program on themes of Catholic Social Teaching; to coordinate with Art Turner and could possibly include program on race relations, as suggested by Fr. Chuck during 5 Committee meeting.

Time and Talent Festival of Ministries: to be held after all Masses weekend of February 26-27; each committee requested to have displays of photos, examples of projects, handouts, etc. to showcase their activities and to encourage other parish members' participation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Catholic Charities' "Days at Frankfort": 1/25, 26, 27; 2/15, 16, 17; 3/21, 22, 23; suggested promoting at festival of ministries; orientation each day at Catholic Conference of Kentucky, to help attendees be effective advocates in support of Kentucky Bishops' agenda; legislators also easy to reach via internet, phone, etc.

Hospice bereavement camps for youth: Fund-raising ideas brainstormed; expressed appreciation to Sonny Prentice for his involvement with hospice youth beneficiaries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting: to be held 2/21/00, 7:00-8:30 P.M. in church.

Dialogue deadline: changed to February 15.

Louisville Adoption Fair: to be held 2/6/00, 1:00-4:00 P.M. at U.of L. Shelby Campus.

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