

Committee Report
St. John Vianney Parish

Name of Committee: Human Concerns Standing Committee

Date of Meeting: January 15, 2018

Members Present:

Kathy Barutha, PC Liaison	Kathy Rave, Vice-Chair
Judy Hickey	Andy Stith
Chuck Potter	John Thompson, Dir. of Human Concerns
Debbie Potter	Jean Warner, Chair

Members Absent: Lisa Forman, Chip O'Dell, and Marian Ostrowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Topics Discussed:

1. The minutes of the November 20, 2017 committee meeting were distributed and discussed.
2. Kathy Barutha gave the Parish Council Report.
3. The SJV Human Concerns Committee Strategic Plan 2017-2018 Final Edition was distributed and discussed.
4. The committee heard the following reports from various of its ministries:
 - a. The SJV International Twinning Committee
 - i. currently has a group of fifty-four missionaries at Santísimo Sacramento in Piura, Peru.
 - ii. This is the largest group we've had since the relationship began in 2013.
 - iii. A new program, Sponsor a Trade School Student, allows SJV parishioners to assist with the education of students at the San Juan María Vianney trade school in Piura. This program will be introduced to the parish at all the masses the weekend of February 10 and 11, 2018.
 - b. The Coins for Babies campaign
 - i. began with the distribution of baby bottles in the narthex the weekend of January 6th and 7th.
 - ii. The filled bottles with contributions will be collected in the narthex the weekend of January 20th and 21st.
 - iii. This is our St. John Vianney Respect Life Committee's biggest fundraiser of the year, and the proceeds will be donated to three pro-life organizations: Life's Connection, Milwaukee Birthright, and the Women's Support Center of Milwaukee.
 - c. Catholic Relief Services
 - i. is looking for two to three volunteers from each diocesan parish to serve in its Parish Ambassadors Corps program.

- ii. The Parish Ambassadors would be commissioned by their pastor and responsible for three parish engagements, such as the CRS Rice Bowl Program, with Catholic Relief Services each year.
 - iii. Please let John Thompson, our Director of Human Concerns, know after the meeting if you are interested in finding out more about this.
 - d. The Joint Prayer Service at Calvary Lutheran (across the street)
 - i. will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2017.
 - ii. It is from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - iii. Fr. Ken will be there.
 - iv. There will be a reception at Calvary afterward.
 - v. Please join us if you can!
 - e. The committee provided valuable advice to staff liaison John B. Thompson regarding the proposed Catholic Relief Services Parish Ambassador Corps Program.
 - i. It is a top-down, not a grassroots effort.
 - ii. The activities proposed may have to be approved as fundraisers at SJV.
 - iii. SJV already has a relatively large international presence through both its ongoing support of CRS and its twinning relationship with Santísimo Sacramento in Piura, Peru.

Decisions Made:

1. The minutes of November 20, 2017 committee meeting were approved.
2. The SJV Human Concerns Committee Strategic Plan 2017-2018 Final Edition was updated so that it could be given to the Parish Council Vice-Chair by 1-31-18.
3. The committee accepted the ministry contact sheets from liaisons for the following ministries:
 - a. St. Hyacinth Food Pantry
 - b. St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program
4. The committee accepted a revised ministry description for:
 - a. St. Hyacinth Food Pantry

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Follow-up Work: Liaisons should continue to update ministry contact sheets that have not been done for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and bring them to the next meeting. John will update the HCC Strategic Plan based on the input from the meeting and forward it to Kathy Rave.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. Thompson

Acting Secretary