

People of Life

Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2009

People of Life, our 9/21 meeting was an enlightening success. We were fortunate to welcome 5 new members and, as always, were grateful to greet our stalwart "regulars."

Topics discussed:

The opening of a new Crisis Pregnancy Center--*Waterleaf*. It is on New York Av, a block from the PP clinic. Check for the great article in the new "Christ Is Our Hope" diocesan magazine this issue for the inspiring story.

Of major concern to many members is our need to address **End of Life** issues in our ministry. As a result, it was decided a speaker would be a good way to begin our efforts in educating our parish. A sub-committee was formed from interested members present. This committee will be working toward an event in March or April. More to come on that later.

In keeping with that topic, Debbie Verdico told us of a phone number to call if you are facing emergent medical situations re: end of life decisions. The National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org/emergency_consultation.asp) will respond asap with help from an ethicist, doctor, etc. the number to call: 215-877-2660. What a resource!

October is our month! The banner is up! Please don't forget the **Life chain** on Sunday. Birthright is sponsoring a Diaper, etc drive this month. The essentials are badly needed, so look for the crib in Ministry Center/box in the back of church. See www.dioceseofjoliet.org for more October activities.

People of Life will have a table this Sunday for Donut Sunday. We'll be getting the message out and informing parishioners of our ministry's mission. Stop by and say hello (Ministry Center).

Finally, a great suggestion for spreading our message every- and anywhere was made at the meeting. Plan ahead and "leave behind" pro-life material in dental offices, hair salons, hospitals, libraries, etc. "Oh, gee, I *forgot* my list of pregnancy resource centers on the train." We also named our little project "Litter for Life"! Any more ideas, send to Mary Dorn.

These minutes will be posted on our POL page on sspp website. Our next meeting will be Nov. 16 @ 7:00 in the Life Office Library.

Thanks and God bless.
Joanne and Mary