

Gospel of Life Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 19, 2020

The meeting opened with prayer.

Present were Fr. Fid Levri, Martha Winn, and Richard Murphy.

The minutes for the January 16, 2020 meeting were approved as published.

Old Business:

1. **Billboards for Life report:** The current facilitator for the program is Deacon Nick Nichols and his wife Donna. They will be moving to northern Florida by the beginning of May 2020. Richard Murphy has agreed to take on that roll for now. The process was underway to bring that about.
2. **March for Life 2020 Trip:** The OCHS youth contingent was at the March for Life and had a wonderful experience. They did not have any difficulties with their trip. RTLO served as the fiscal agent and gave the group a sizeable donation for the trip. The Adult group of 32 also attended the March and had a wonderful experience. There were about 10,000 at the National Basilica in Washington for the Vigil Mass the night before the March the adult group took part in. The next morning, the group went to the Capitol One Plaza where there were about 20,000 people and at the March itself, there may have been several 100,000 people in attendance. The group experienced a real growth in community on the trip and all seemed like they enjoyed the experience.
3. **Mass for Life on 1-22-20:** There was a light attendance for the Mass. Fr. Fid concelebrated the Mass. A collection was taken for the work of the Diocesan Committee. It was \$704.
4. **Catholic Medical Association Strategy:** Martha Winn shared about her experience of the National meeting in Nashville Tennessee in the fall of 2019. She described the organization as amazing in its work and its outreach. The 2020 national convention is set to Take Pl. in San Diego, CA

later in the year. Martha described the experience as an extended retreat and she noticed that all participants appear to have gained much from the it. Martha hoped to make an approach to Brescia University and its premed students to begin introducing them to the Catholic Medical Association. She believed it would be invaluable to those students all through their medical training, the early years of practice, and for all their time in the medical profession.

- 5. USCCB's Service Program for 2020 is the Walking with Moms' in Need:** this program begins on March 25, 2020 and last for one whole year. Richard agreed to send to the committee members more information about this project, and to keep them up-to-date on its progress.

New Business

- 1. Issues Committee Members May Wish to Address:** Fr. Fid told the committee that on March 10, 2020 a fundraising effort was conducted in Henderson County for Marcia's Place. Fr. Fid shared information on some experimentation on harvested organs to use for experimentation.
- 2. Legislative Issues:** some pro-life bills were merged towards the end of the legislative session in the state of Kentucky to promote their passage in the General Assembly. A veto by the Kentucky Governor was expected. These laws were passed in such a time in the process that they would not be allowed to vote to override the governor's veto, if he did act that way.
- 3. Sharing of Resources:** Fr. Fid discussed some concerns in the United States Congress of efforts to try to overturn the Hyde Amendment. It was not clear what the current outcome would be.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The next scheduled meeting was for May 21, 2020 at 6:30 PM and would likely be a telephone call only, given the growing concern about the Covid -19 pandemic.