

402 S. Independence Blvd.
Romeoville, IL 60446

JAVA Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2006
Location: St. Charles Pastoral Center
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Present: John Regan, Nora Labanauskas, Claire Vandborg, Marj Westendorf, Carolyn Jost, Peter Mary Hettling, Kathleen Anne Copp, Barb Kwiatkowski, Kevin O'Donnell, Myra Lambert

- I. **Prayer:** Kevin O'Donnell led us in prayer through song.
- II. **Formation:** A discussion was held regarding the planning for the Family & Vocation Gathering to be held on May 4, 2006. It was decided to form a committee for the planning. The committee will be Fr. John Regan, Sr. Marj Westendorf and Sr. Claire Vandborg. The Gathering will be held at St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. It will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. with sessions beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will end at 8:30 p.m. John would like to model it after Generations of Faith. It would focus on people already involved in Generations of Faith at their parishes. The outcome of this gathering would be to engage families and parishes in addressing the topic of vocations in the family. Resources would be made available for follow up. Sr. Marj, who is familiar with this program, added that in the Generations of Faith programs she has been involved in, they gave out a packet at the end which included such things as follow-up contacts, family activities and individual activities for specific age groups. It could also give info on retreats and spiritual direction. Brochures and other resource information could be gotten from the Family Ministry Office for our packet. John will ask Family Ministry and REO if they would like to participate and possibly co-sponsor the event. Possible suggestions of what would happen were that it could begin with a dinner in the cafeteria and then prayer and a keynote speaker in the chapel. Different workshops would be offered for either families or age specific groups. At the end of the evening everyone would gather together for a closing. JAVA members were asked who would attend because there needs to be enough facilitators available.
- III. **Minutes:** Minutes from the December meeting were approved.
- IV. **Priorities/Projects:**
 - A. **Grade Schools** – nothing to report
 - B. **Religious Education** - nothing to report
 - C. **Catholic High Schools** – Sr. Barb reported that 14 groups (4 men and 10 women) have signed up, with the possibility of one more group of men, for the Vocation Fair at JCA. The time frame for the day is 7:50 a.m. – 2:40 p.m. A box lunch will be provided by the school. Students will help unload materials at the beginning of the day. Barb has a follow up letter for groups attending that she wants John to look at before she sends it out. Barb has collected questions from each

congregation and will make up several different sets of questions for each period. Barb is also handling getting the gift certificates to be used as prizes. On January 31st John will be attending a vocation panel at Driscoll High School. Carolyn and Claire will also attend. John asked Nora to send out Marian and Jeremiah Day flyers to the 8 diocesan high schools. He will write a letter to go along with the flyers to the campus ministers.

D. Youth Groups – nothing to report

E. University Campuses - Kevin was asked how he felt the BPR went at each of his campuses this year. JJC was cancelled. COD was well received. Donuts and beverages were also well received at the campuses. Catholic Student Union at COD invited Sr. Carolyn back this evening to give a presentation. It will be on the World Peace Flame.

F. Parish Vocation Contacts - nothing to report

G. Serra Club of DuPage - nothing to report

H. Bulletin Profiles of those in formation - nothing to report

I. Poster of Men & Women in Religious Formation – John asked for ideas on a theme to be used for this poster. He passed around copies of the Joliet Diocesan seminarian poster that had just been completed for everyone to see. He wants to use the words “Answer the Call” at the bottom of both posters. It was decided to use the words “Come and Follow Me” at the top of the religious’ poster. The background picture could be some sort of path lined with trees. (*Nora will be taking a field trip to go find that path and take a photo of it!*)

- V. National Vocation Awareness Week:** John made resources available to the parishes on his website. This was much less expensive than mailing packets to parishes.
- VI. Announcements**– Sr. Barb announced that she was holding an evening of reflection for single women called “Food For Thought” on Feb. 2, 2006. She had given flyers to Kevin and to Nora to post and asked if it could be put on Kevin’s website and Fr. John’s site also.

February 13th meeting for JAVA has been cancelled

There is no March meeting scheduled.

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 3, 2006

Location: St. Charles Pastoral Center

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Chair: Guy Jelinek

Secretary: Nora Labanauskas

Prayer & Formation: Sr. Marj

Topic: Family & Vocation Gathering



Just a Note: “The Sisters know what they are doing!”