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JAVA Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17, 2005
Location: St. Charles Pastoral Center
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Present: Myra Lambert, Peter Mary Hettling, Marj Westendorf, Carolyn Jost, Claire Vandborg, Barb Kwiatkowski, John Regan, Guy Jelinek, Ron Beaumont, Loren Beaudry, Nora Labanauskas, Kevin O'Donnell, Bernie Hart

- I. **Prayer:** Myra Lambert – “A Prayer for Autumn Days”
- II. **Formation:** Fr. John spoke on the vocations.com website that he maintains. John updated the website over the summer to a more contemporary look and to make it easier to navigate. Since updating it, there are almost 30,000 more hits per month possibly due to being more user friendly. He is able to generate reports that tell him how many hits to the site and to specific pages. He showed us such things as the seminarian bios online and young adult discernment topics. He is looking at redesigning the discernment page for easier navigation and to direct them to a young adult site. He hopes to get the young adult site up and running soon.
- III. **Minutes:** Correction to September 12, 2005 minutes. Under IV. B. KAVA is spelled with a C. Under IV. B. Elise is spelled Elyse.
- IV. **Priorities / Projects:**
 - A. **Grade Schools** – nothing at this time.
 - B. **REO** – nothing at this time.
 - C. **Catholic High Schools** – neither Guy nor Barb have a response or a date for Benet or JCA. They will follow up.
 - D. **Youth Groups** – nothing at this time.
 - E. **University Campuses** – *See Commitment Sheet.*
 - F. **Young Adult Groups** – Paul Mach is the new Young Adult Ministry Coordinator in the Diocesan Religious Ed Office. Kevin O'Donnell suggested that Fr. John speak with him. Fr. John asked Nora to contact Paul and invite him to the December JAVA meeting at the Fiat House.
 - G. **Parish Vocation Contacts – Report of Training Session on Oct. 8, 2005** – 35 attended the training session. It was a good day with good participation from those who attended. Guy thought this was the best one of the four held so far. Barb was thrilled to see that many people attend from different parishes. Those in formation that attended did a nice job. Peter Mary asked Ron if he had seen the new DVD from Serra on Vocations. Ron has seen it and passed out copies at the training session. The Bishops' Conference also has put out a DVD called “*You Could Make a Difference.*” It is in both English and Spanish. Sr. Marjorie passed out a handout that was a copy of a model from Generations of Faith. On page 13 under the heading “Learning Activity Option Three”, it refers to creating a vocations panel that consists of a

priest, a religious, single person and married couple to share how they have heard God's call and are trying to respond to it. A session is something that is planned months ahead of time and involves many people and a lot of time put into the planning and implementing. John would like to make this a resource for parishes. Sr. Marj explained that you meet with a group of people who determine the structure. The idea is to get families involved and get them talking about vocations. This model which was passed out included ALL vocations. John suggested looking at this model and some others. In order to go look at the models on the Generations of Faith website you must be a member in order to obtain any printouts. If this is something that is happening in parishes, then JAVA should be aware of it so that they can get involved. John asked everyone to go through the materials that Sr. Marj handed out and it would be discussed at a future meeting.

H. Serra Club of DuPage – Ron reminded everyone that Serra supports vocations.

I. Bulletin Profiles – Everyone needs to send profiles and pictures to Ron and Nora ASAP.

J. Poster of Men & Women in Religious Formation – Due out in January so it is important to have all the pictures and profiles into the Vocation Office immediately.

V. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations/Traveling Monstrance - *See Commitment Sheet*. There is a box at today's meeting for handout materials for Guy to take to the different parishes.

VI. JAVA Goals & Objectives 2005-06 – the new copy with changes/additions was included in today's packet.

VII. Announcements – Loren passed out a sheet announcing “Yours to Love”, the story about the lives and legacies of four women martyred 25 years ago in El Salvador which will take place at CTU on Saturday, October 22, 2005.

Fr. John will not be at the November JAVA meeting.

VIII. Adjournment – 4:00 p.m.

IX. Next Meeting: **Monday, November 14 , 2005**
Location: **St. Charles Pastoral Center**
Chair: **Bernie**
Prayer: **Marj**
Secretary: **Nora Labanauskas**
Formation:

