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"Thank you" Dinner for outgoing Board members
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- 7/22 Awakening Faith – session 1
- 7/28 Meeting with Fr. Esteban re: Jobs work group
- 7/29 Awakening Faith – session 2
- 7/29 Meeting with Volunteer Center consultant
- 8/5 Awakening Faith – session 3

Advertising - Catholic Herald has an ad to bid farewell to Bishop Calahan in the Aug. 5th edition. The website had more than 2600 hits last month!!!

Vonnie and I participated in the **Planning & Evaluation** workshop at UW-Parkside. The presenter distinguished between activities, outputs and outcomes, as well as outcome indicators and impact. We also discussed data collection methods, and reporting. At our next Strategic Planning meeting we will be discussing how we can apply these techniques.

At our annual **"thank you" dinner**, we said good-bye to John Hinze, who has served as St. Paul's representative on CAR's Board of Directors for the past five years. John has been a valuable contributor to the Board, and we will miss his concern for clarity and accuracy, and his commitment. He will remain a member of the Formation Committee, so he has not entirely abandoned us!

God Anoints You As part of the JOBS work group, I sent out 39 letters to potential employees whom team members will follow up with phone calls, plus an additional 22 letters inviting other small business owners to contact us. I am keeping track of the time involved, and the material costs (letterhead, envelopes, stamps) to get reimbursed from CAN Works grant money awarded to RVM for this project. Letters were also sent to every pastor with a list of the businesses we contacted from ads in their parish bulletin. So far, we have about ten small business owners who agreed to participate in the job summit scheduled for next month. I also met with Fr. Esteban and invited him to do a short presentation at the job summit; he agreed to address the topic of "work" as a social justice issue.

The **Volunteer Center of Racine** received a grant to provide free training to those who coordinate volunteers in the schools. They will offer a 3-hour workshop that covers management of volunteers in an educational environment – recruiting volunteers and parents to support students' success, recruitment techniques, and crafting effective recruitment messages. I met with the consultant to discuss how to communicate the availability of this opportunity. I provided contacts for S.O.A.R. and John XXIII Center for her to contact them directly. She asked me to forward an email and flyer to the principals to see if there is any interest at the elementary schools.

Awakening Faith is going very well with 8 participants in the morning at St. John. At St. Mary by the Lake, there were 7-8 individuals at the first two sessions, and last week, SIXTEEN showed up! We have ordered additional booklets for the newcomers, and may decide to break into two groups for discussions purposes if that many continue to show up in the evening.

Grants – I completed the application and submitted a funding request to *The Collaboration Prize*. Candidates will be notified by October 1 whether they will move to the next round of qualification.

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AHEAD: 8/9 CAR Board meeting; 8/10 RCIA Collaborative team leader meeting; 8/12 Awakening Faith session 3; 8/17 JOBS work group meeting; 8/18 In-service meeting; 8/19 AF session 4; 8/23 Teacher's In-service, Safeguarding; 8/24 Social Justice meeting; 8/25 Formation meeting, Admin/Finance meeting; 8/26 AF session 5; 9/2 AF session 6; 9/15 Annual Meeting and ice cream social; 9/17 JOB SUMMIT; 9/18 Board Retreat



- 6/14 CAR Board meeting
- 6/15 Journal Times marketing seminar
- 6/17 Evangelization meeting
- In-Service meeting
- 6/22 Social Justice meeting
- 6/23 Community Partnership workshop at Gateway
- 6/24 JOBS work group meeting
- Strategic Planning meeting
- Admin/Finance committee meeting
- 6/30 Wine tasting Fundraiser
- 7/7 Formation meeting
- 7/8 Meeting with Pastor Mike Mueller (RIC)

Advertising - The JT marketing seminar was interesting. They claim that their print circulation has actually grown, but their online advertising has absolutely *exploded*. I will be researching some of the information presented and evaluating the cost of an online presence. They sent an email about two opportunities – *Best of Racine*, which I declined, and *Glad You Asked* magazine. For this publication we will have a full-page ad listing the parishes and schools. It will be distributed in the Sunday paper, August 22.

I received a notice from Catholic Herald about an ad to bid farewell to Bishop Calahan. I contacted all of the Racine parishes, including Sacred Heart and St. Lucy, and everyone agreed to participate. That has been submitted, and this will be in the Aug. 5th edition.

Check out the website. I have updated it, and replaced a couple of the links.

The **Community Partnership** workshop at Gateway was okay. In other words, it was good for networking, and a couple of the presentations were good. Certainly the concept and purpose was laudable. Unfortunately, the execution did not meet our expectations. Vonnie and I attended, as did Laura Sumner-Coon, and we agreed that it fell short of what we had hoped.

God Anoints You JOBS Work group identified a number of business owners and/or contacts, and each of the team members has been assigned to talk or meet with them and explain our purpose. We have scheduled the “summit” for lunch on Friday, September 17.

Grants – We received a letter from Racine Community Foundation stating that we did not receive the funding requested. Although disappointing, I continue to look for other opportunities. UW-Parkside forwarded an email about *The Collaboration Prize*, which I am currently working on to submit by the July 16 deadline.

Fundraising – Our first fundraiser, the Wine Tasting on June 30, appears to be a wonderful success. A special **thanks** to the “brainstorming team” who put this together, but especially to Vonnie, for all of the special touches. While selling 50/50 tickets, several people made positive comments to me about the event. A couple of people were impressed by the wine-glass cookies on the tables. One woman said that she had been to a couple of these (at Uncorkt) and she was impressed by the quality of the event, including the auction items. A few others simply had compliments about how well it was organized, and the hors d’oeuvres offered. The owner of Uncorkt also told Vonnie how impressed she was with our event. (That speaks volumes, doesn’t it?!) I am now in the midst of sending out letters to the business donors, all of those who donated baskets, and the successful bidders so they have documentation for tax deductions.

RIC – Speaking of collaboration, I am meeting again this afternoon with Rev. Michael Mueller, Pastor of St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, and coordinator for RIC. We will be discussing our visits to each other’s board meeting, and try to identify if there are any areas where we might be able to work together.

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AHEAD: 7/12 CAR Board meeting; 7/15 Evangelization; 7/20 “Thank You” dinner; 7/21 JOBS work group meeting; 7/22 Awakening Faith, session 1 (am St John, pm St. Mary); 7/28 Admin Finance; 7/29 Awakening Faith session 2; 8/5 Awakening Faith, session 3; 8/9 CAR Board meeting



- 5/10 Meeting with St. Joseph Finance Committee
CAR Board meeting
- 5/12 Evangelization meeting
- 5/13 RIC Ministry Caucus
RIC Board meeting
- 5/23 Peacemaker Awards
- 5/24 *Safeguarding All of God's Children*
- 5/25 Social Justice meeting
- 5/26 Formation meeting
Admin/Finance committee meeting
- 6/2 Senior Survival Workshop
"Ponder This" Informational meeting
- 6/6 Archbishop ListECKi presentation on "Year for Priests"

Hugh and I attended the **St. Joseph Finance Committee meeting**. We presented information about the 2010 Strategic Plan, and answered their questions. Overall, it went well. They followed up with a letter to the CAR Board giving the one-year notice, with the caveat that they will reconsider based on actions and activities between now and year-end. They will give their final decision by January.

I was invited to attend the **RIC Ministry Leader's Caucus** (brown bag lunch meeting). This group of pastors, ministers, and lay leaders meets for the specific purpose of building community. It included prayer, reflection, discussion, and updates on events and activities. It was suggested that CAR participate since we are working on many of the same community issues.

Later that evening, I also attended the **RIC Board** meeting. They currently have five committees: *Sacred Ground* is advocating for an AODA treatment facility in Racine County for women and their children; *Immigration* is advocating for comprehensive immigration reform; *Violence No More/Dare to Dream* is an educational program for teen-age youth; *Disadvantaged Youth Employment* is a new task force created to connect homeless young people with jobs; and *Women's Re-entry from Prison* is a new task force exploring the need and possibilities for a residence-based re-entry program for women.

"**Peacemaker**" awards took place on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, at St. John Nepomuk. Lynn Urban and Muggs Mueller handled the ceremony, and several ladies of St. John's provided and served coffee and desserts. There was a slight hang-up in that we were short two ribbons, but Maier graciously gave us replacements, and they were then mailed to the students. A photo of the Peacemakers was then sent to each of the students, and each of the principals, along with a brief excerpt of their nomination. A copy was also sent to the Journal Times to publish in the A+ section of the paper.

Safeguarding All of God's Children session was Monday, May 24. There were 13 participants, and all of them gave positive feedback. The revised content of the program and CD's included information about the internet and updated statistics. It was much improved over the previous video.

Senior Survival Workshop Attendance was a real disappointment. Only four people showed for this seminar, versus the 60-70 we had last time. All we could figure was that the last time it was in late fall, and this time it was on a beautiful spring day.

Ponder This was presented by Joan Carey, the author of the program, under sponsorship of the Archdiocese. It is a story-based book, with reflection on a related Scripture. It appears to be user-friendly, and I could see multiple uses for this. Fr. Allen Bratkowski, Fr. Steve Stradinger, and Jan Ruidl were there, and each purchased the books. I bought a facilitator handbook as well as a participant book for the Evangelization Committee to evaluate.

God Anoints You JOBS Work group created a draft letter to go to potential employers. Other members are identifying those potential employers through parish bulletins. Once the letter is finalized, and we have a list of prospective employers, we will send the letter inviting them to participate.

On Sunday, June 6, the Evangelization Committee hosted **Archbishop ListECKi** at St. Edward's church. Roughly 70 people attended his presentation on "Year for Priests: The Priest's Role as Evangelizer." In addition to Fr. Allen, Fr. Esteban and Fr. Crewe were present. The Archbishop was well-received, and feedback was very positive. Most everyone stayed for refreshments afterward, and had a chance to talk with the Archbishop. He gave me a book that he recommended to the Evangelization Committee.

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- 4/12 In-service meeting
- CAR Board meeting
- 4/13 Principals' meeting
- 4/14 Evangelization meeting
- 4/15 Awakening Faith – *Is Faith Possible Today?*
- 4/16 Joyce Rupp at Siena Center
- 4/19 DRE meeting
- 4/21 Admin/Finance committee meeting
- 4/22 Awakening Faith – *Searching for Love*
- 4/24 Social Justice Adopt-A-River at Washington Park
- 4/27 Social Justice meeting
- 4/28 Formation meeting
- 4/29 Awakening Faith – *Marriage, Divorce, and Annulment*
- 5/3 JOBS work group meeting at Racine Vocational Ministry
- 5/6 Awakening Faith – *Money and the Treadmill of Life*

Rev. Mike Mueller, Pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church and Chairman of Racine Interfaith Coalition will be attending our meeting Monday evening. With CAR's *God Anoints You* work groups, and RIC's recently formed committees, we decided to work together so that our efforts can be coordinated and not duplicate efforts.

As part of the **God Anoints You** initiative, I ordered and received pamphlets to distribute to all of our parishes. I had previously met with each pastor to gain support of promoting the work groups. Pamphlets were delivered to each parish, and on Sunday, April 18, the pastor displayed the pamphlet and encouraged parishioners to get involved, or inserted into the bulletins. I did receive a few phone calls, and a couple of people volunteered to join a group. As I am part of the JOBS Work group, we met and I gave an update of meeting with the pastors, delivering the pamphlets and the resulting phone calls. This group is moving forward to identify small business owners and personnel managers that we can meet with to explain our purpose of matching potential employers with potential employees.

Awakening Faith sessions have gone extremely well. The four subsequent sessions have had good attendance, and great interaction, especially the session on *Marriage, Divorce and Annulment*. Representatives from the Chancery office came to those sessions to assist us in handling any specific questions that may arise. Zabrina Decker came in the morning, and Jesus Cabrera in the evening. Both were assets in answering issues that arose during the sessions. Feedback from the participants has been very positive.

As a "thank you" for publicizing their events, Sr. Rita Lui invited me to the opening session of the retreat at Siena Center featuring author **Joyce Rupp**. I sincerely appreciated the opportunity to attend the evening with such a renowned writer. I even purchased a couple more of her books. I also saw at least one CAR board member, and a couple of committee members in attendance.

In celebration of "Earth Day," the Social Justice Committee sponsored **Adopt-A-River** and invited people to join us in cleaning up the river. As in October, we were assigned a section of Washington Park. Led by Bob Beezat, a member of the committee, gloves and garbage bags were handed out to roughly 15 or 16 people who showed up on a very drizzly morning. The group collected ten bags of garbage in a little less than two hours.

Each of the principals has selected an eighth grade student to receive a "**Peacemaker**" award on Pentecost. The principal and/or teacher has written a narrative describing why the student is deserving of the title. I picked up the plaque from each school and brought them to have the 2010 nameplate engraved, and ordered the ribbons. I also have ordered a savings bond for each recipient.

Safeguarding All of God's Children cd and materials arrived. I reviewed the updated video and materials, and scheduled a session for Monday, May 24.

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