



**St. Stephen Respect Life Committee June 28, 2016, Meeting Minutes and News**

St. Stephen Respect Life Committee met at 7:30 PM in St. Stephen's Copy Room.

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**July Dates to Note**

- 07/01 6:00 – 7:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (with Knights of Columbus)
- 9:00–10:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (RLC, Gabriel Proj, Legis. Advocacy)
- 07/02 9:30–11:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Kent Truth & Prayer witnessing, Kent Planned Parenthood
- 07/04 8:30–10:00 AM Mass and Holy Hour with Patriotic Rosary & Adoration (Adoration until 4:00 PM)
- 07/06 7:30 – 5:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Renton Cedar River Clinics Sidewalk Prayer Vigils (1-hour each)
- 07/26 7:15 – 9:00 PM July RLC meeting, Copy Room (after 6:30 PM Mass)

**Attending**

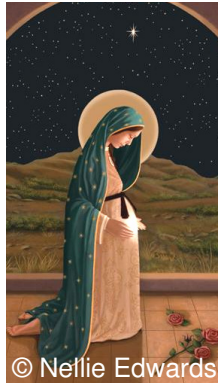
Mary K., Rudy B. (St. John), Gina B., Sarah S. (St. Anthony), and Mary S.

**Opening**

We opened our meeting with the prayer for beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey <http://solanusc Casey.org/prayer-leaflets/English> asking for healing for Louise and for others whose illnesses prevented their joining us this evening.

**Mother of Life Picture**

Artist Nellie Edwards responded to our inquiry regarding our proposed use of her beautiful "Mother of Life" picture in the same ways we have used the traditional Lady of Guadalupe image.



For \$75 per year the artist grants permission to use the image on our website and literature so long the picture carries the copyright symbol with Nellie's name and we link to her site from our website(s). An 11"x14" print is included at no additional charge. See [www.PaintedFaith.net](http://www.PaintedFaith.net) for the full image.

We voted to buy the described use of the picture.

The artist also grants us permission to use the partial image on our business cards and the full image on any sidewalk posters we make for our own use.

**St. Stephen the Martyr Building Task Force**

At the request of **SSTM's Building Task Force**, Mary and Mary attended a June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to inquire whether our group has experienced deficiencies with regard to facilities meeting our current needs. The task force wants to know RLC's current and projected future needs and wants regarding accommodations, facilities available to our group for a meeting room, storage space, etc.

When invited to submit a "wish list," we included meeting room internet connection and more storage space, noting our sidewalk signs mounted on sticks, our 58 stand-alone wooden crosses, 6-foot and 9-foot long banners with supporting structures demand easily accessed specially sized storage spaces.

Such things as the narthex permanent display case that we requested last fall were not subjects for this meeting. The Building Task Force will invite us to meet with them to address additional facility needs and wants at a later date (a date of their choosing).

**New 72" x 30" Double-Sided Banner**

Because we must stand on the public sidewalk to pray at the Renton Cedar River Clinics abortion facility, we mislead many passers-by to think we are protesting the businesses at curbside; namely, Midas and Pizza Hut.

When considered asking Midas and/or Pizza Hut's permission to stand on their properties while praying, we recognized serious legal considerations for businesses who might grant such permissions.

A double-sided banner and/or facing our signs toward Rainier Avenue traffic while we stand on the public sidewalk will clarify our purpose.

We will ask generous Thomas, owner of Footprint Exhibits ([www.footprintexhibits.com](http://www.footprintexhibits.com)), to make a new banner that will be easier to transport and to handle on the sidewalks than is our large 10' x 4' "Unplanned" banner. Both sides of the new banner will be the same.

We have contacted Eastman Kodak asking permission to use their copyrighted "15 Babies" on a banner, but have no response to date. The sign will say, "Moms: We're here for you! 1-877-NOT-ALONE" (Care Net told us a few years ago that they appreciate us using their national "NOT-ALONE" number in this way.)

The proposed new banner will be suitable for use at both Planned Parenthood and Cedar River Clinics.

**October Speaker at SSTM**

Unfortunately neither Father Frank Pavone nor Dr. Alveda King (another of the speakers offered by Priests



for Life <http://www.priestsforlife.org/>) have responded to our requests they consider speaking to SSTM weekend Mass congregations in October 2016.

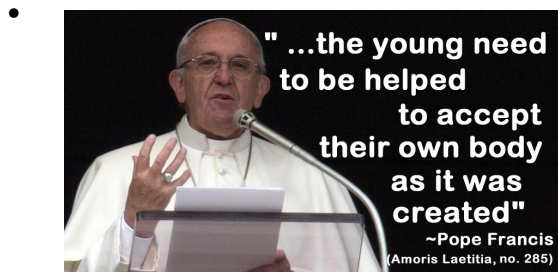
Kathleen suggests we consider Brian Foster, of Human Coalition <https://www.humancoalition.org/> as an alternative. Others we are considering are Kristin Hawkins of Students for Life ([studentsforlife.org](http://studentsforlife.org)), Lila Rose, president of [www.LiveAction.org](http://www.LiveAction.org), and artist and pro-life activist Nellie Edwards.

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**SSTM RLC Online**

We use [www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife](http://www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife) to post reminders of our next-day events and more. <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life> is the place to watch for meeting minutes and other downloadable resources, including items of interest to sidewalk prayer warriors.

Our other **SSTM Respect Life Committee sites** are <http://ststephensrespectlife.blogspot.com/> and <https://sites.google.com/site/respectlifecommittee>

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**Miscellaneous**



We must recognize the spiritual battle taking place in the current efforts promoting homosexual relationships and acceptance of "transgender" surgery. Prayer is required to combat the confusion that obscures even obvious truth.

- Annual Reports and Meeting Room Facility Forms are due soon. We requested the **Copy Room as our meeting room** on the (same) **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month**. At this time we have no plans to meet on First Fridays so will not reserve a room for Movie Nights, as we did last year. Mary and Mary and Bernie will meet informally to complete the annual report before its August 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- **Welcome back, Gina!** Gina recently returned from a 17-month stay in her native Mexico, with family members who reside within a few hours' drive of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Gina

noticed a dramatic deterioration in the organization of the pro-life activities in her native area.

- The 2016 **4US** flagship event is **August 12-13**, before the annual Knights of Columbus SSTM 4US fundraising breakfast. We will time our RLC fundraising campaign to end the Sunday of the Knights' sponsored fundraising breakfast, rather than beginning with the breakfast, as we did last year.
- RLC will have opportunity to recruit members during a **Ministry Fair** held at **SSTM in September**.



Our **First Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer** witnessing from **9:30 – 11:00 AM** continues. See details at <http://ststephensrespectlife.blogspot.com/>. Eight (8) stood with us on the first Saturday of July. Many passers-by notice our pro-life message. One lady took photographs and asked our permission to post them online. A man on a bicycle paused to say thank you as he handed us money in appreciation.

- We will resume **study of "Theology of the Body"** next meeting. We have read "The Pope's Thesis," the first section describing St. John Paul II's revolutionary concept of using the visible mystery of man and woman's sexuality as a sign analogous to the invisible mystery hidden in God. See <http://www.sjcursillo.org/theology%20of%20the%20body.pdf> for a downloadable version of the work.

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**Closing**

The meeting closed asking Dear God to give us a president who loves this country and everything it stands for, who respects Him as the one true God, who will, with God's help, restore this nation to its former glory, the way He created it. We asked God to help us respect what He has given to us and not take anything for granted ever again, weaken the evil and strengthen the good, both within and without. We prayed for our eyes be opened, in Jesus' name. In God we trust and we prayed that God will bless America! Then we added a Hail Mary and the St. Michael Archangel Prayer with a custom closing by Gina.



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**Next meeting 7:15 (after 6:30 PM Mass), Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Copy Room**

