

Meeting Minutes
St. Sebastian/St. Vincent Social Justice Ministry
February 25, 2016

Members Present: Annie Burris, Larry Furman, Donna Marie Kaminsky, Jack Pierson, Jan Pierson, Rita Rochford, Greg Sain, Carolyn Varner, Mary Yanko, guests

Opening Prayer: Mary Y

Minutes from the January, 2016 meeting were approved by acclamation, and will be placed on file.

General Session: Greg led the discussion as we continued our study of Pope Francis' "Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy"

Discussion ensued about Fr. McDonough and what he meant to us as a pastor and friend, and the words of the homilist at his funeral, highlighting his inclusiveness and collaborative ministry, and his embrace of all that Vatican II meant for our church. The gospel of John tells us that God is love. Jesus' ministry was with the marginalized. Everything about Jesus' life speaks of mercy.

Pope Francis seems to be trying to re-focus the church on this fundamental work of the church. We are called to show mercy, because mercy has first been shown to us!

Next month Rita will handle discussion of paragraphs 14-25.

Lenten Series: "The Spiritual Works of Mercy" will be facilitated by DonnaMarie on Feb. 25; and "Confession as an Act of Mercy" with Fr. Valencheck March 3. All sessions will be on Thursdays at 7PM at Faith Lodge. Carolyn will share information with St V and St. Bernard, Rita and Bernie will be contact for any questions or more information at St. Vincent.

Our group's **2016 Study** (following the completion of "Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy" will be "**Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples**" a document from the USCCB 2016.

Announcements:

1. First Friday @ Tangier Restaurant March, 2016 High School Students from the Catholic high schools
2. St. Hilary/Faith Lutheran Lenten series-Wednesdays, Feb 17-March 9 - 7-8:45PM.

"But I'm Not a Racist"

Next Meeting: March 20, 2016-Byrider 3 @10AM

Remaining 2016 Meetings: March 20 April 17 May 22 August 21 Sept. 18 Oct. 16 Nov. 20