

IHM Outreach Commission Meeting (via Zoom)

March 11, 2021

Agenda

1. Opening prayer
2. Minutes from 1/14/21 meeting
3. Ministry Updates
4. Faith & Action Spring Webinar April 15
5. Faith & Action Grant Application Deadline May 6
6. Hosting the Stations of the Cross Mar 26
7. 2020-2021 Budget Status
8. Next Meeting: May 13, 2021
9. Closing prayer

3. Ministry Updates

1. Boulevard Place Food Pantry (Trinda Metzger) Last year IHM donated about 17,000 pounds of food. In 2019 we collected 20,000 pounds. So amazingly even during COVID we were able to collect quite a bit of food.

I have decided to simplify the collections by only doing four Major Food Drives, and then asking people just to bring in bags of food once a month in the grocery bags. Some people are already doing that anyway.

In terms of food collections, I found that parishioners are very good about using the bags that I purchased to hang the bags on at both ends of the church by the doors. It has worked quite well during COVID times, and I we will continue to do that even during non-pandemic times.

I would like to stay involved in this outreach but I would like to have a co-chair/ another person with me to share the load.

2. MOMS Ministry (Jennifer Gause) The financial donations from the Advent giving tree were tremendous. We supplied Holy Angels with gifts for their teachers, a luncheon and all the students with a Christmas treat and new hats and gloves.

We also supplied them with emergency food to send home with kids last November. We are in the process of using the money to make purchases for Birthline. In addition, the money was used to purchase a new water bottle for all the students and this was filled with candy to support Celebrating Catholic School week-this was for St. Anthony students.

3. Anna's House (Chris Hutson) Anna's House is still on drive-through service on Saturdays for about 150 families. We have the Fr. Byrne's Grilled Pizza truck joining us on Sat, March 27th and again in late April. We received a large donation of over 10,000 pairs of new socks (underwear

and t-shirts, too). Anna's House had so much that our IHM Outreach group helped to distribute 25 large trash bags full of socks. I replaced the 6 propane gas tanks stolen during the winter and submitted the \$253.41 receipt today with paperwork. The gas was used with our outdoor heaters to keep volunteers and clients warm during the snowy drive-thru pick-ups.

4. Cathedral Soup Kitchen (Meridith Runke & Allison Gardner) We continue to serve takeout style meals outside.
5. Transformational Outreach (Scott Lowe) The MKL Center is holding a capital fundraising campaign to improve its facilities. The work of Transformational Outreach has been limited to board engagement with the MLK Center and is waiting for the COVID pandemic to abate.
6. Honduras Mission (Kathy Martin O'Neill) So far only money has gone to Honduras, as travel there is restricted and many of the people in need there do not have access to vaccines. There is a possibility of a late summer trip.
7. St. Vincent de Paul (Larry Dougherty) One of our members is facilitating a Changing Lives Forever class with virtual sessions. The next IHM session is slated to start in August or September, pandemic permitting. The clothing drive was successful in collecting several bags of needed items for those without permanent housing. Three large bags of socks were also donated from Anna's House.
8. Respect Life (Mary Dougherty) The January Respect Life event became a vehicle parade from downtown to Carmel. Over 33,000 diapers were collected to share with pregnancy and birth centers in Indianapolis. The rose sale is being planned for Mother's Day weekend after missing last year because of the pandemic.
9. Service Saturdays (Matt Tuschong) There has been a good turnout for these events, including both parish and school members. The next event will be at Teacher Treasures.

4. Faith & Action Online Spring Conference

Thu, April 15, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EDT

The Faith & Action Project's Push Back Poverty Spring Conference featuring Nisha Patel

About this Event

Efforts to turn back poverty in our community will only succeed if we engage in a concerted, collaborative effort to listen, share, innovate and connect with experts and those who are walking the pathway out of poverty.

Join us to be a part of that effort, as faith communities, nonprofit organizations, concerned individuals and people living in poverty gather to discuss, learn about and shape solutions that increase opportunities for residents throughout the city.

Keynoting the Conference will be national poverty-mitigation leader **Nisha Patel**, an advocate for “data-driven and heart-led” approaches to increasing mobility from poverty. The former Managing Director of Narrative Change and National Initiatives with Robin Hood and Executive Director of the US Partnership on Mobility from Poverty, Patel will share her thoughts on pursuing solutions in collaboration with people who have lived experience in poverty.

Patel’s keynote will lead into a conversation in which Faith & Action Grant recipients and local residents who have lived in poverty share their journeys, perspectives and vision for lasting change.

5. **2021 Faith & Action Grant applications are available now and are due May 6.** [Click here](#) to access this year’s application. *Please note that attendance at the Spring Conference is a prerequisite for organizations wanting to apply for a Faith & Action grant.* To register for the online **Faith & Action Spring Conference**, [click here](#).

As you prepare your application, keep in mind the objectives of the Annual Grant Program:

- to boost initiatives that could have greater impact on the fight against poverty with additional resources
- to support evidenced based approaches with long-term impact
- to support faith-based organizations or faith lead organizations focused on poverty mitigation
- to promote and facilitate partnerships among faith and nonprofit organizations to work in a collaborative effort to address systemic barriers

The Faith & Action Grant Program relies on a multi-step application process: Organizations must submit a first-round application by May 6. Those invited into the next round will submit a full grant proposal in June.

