Catholic Grandparents Association St. Faustina Chapter

15551 South Boggy Marsh Rd., Clermont, FL 34714, USA

Meeting Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 11:00 AM

Facilitator: Jerilyn Polson, Ministry Leader Attendance: 5 (15 grandchildren)

CGA Opening Prayer & Enrollment Prayer Grandchildren Count & Prayer for Grandchildren

Business Items

Request for input in planning the next quarter of meetings, April – June, 2024: members present agree daytime is preferred, no specific day or time preference.

Asked to suggest topics for discussion, those in attendance offered sharing books we recommend to help with passing on the faith to grandchildren; talking with teens or adult grandchildren about the faith; the challenge of long-distance family relationships; how to talk with or respond to questions from grandchildren not being raised in the faith.

The ministry leader, Jerilyn Polson, expressed her hope for new or shared leadership in the group after our first full year, which would end in September 2024. She asked all members to consider stepping up or partnering with her starting in October. She also recommended we start rotating who leads the discussion each month.

Asked whether the group would like to celebrate World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly in July, or move it to September, which is an option in the U.S., September was the unanimous preference. Jerilyn said she would ask Fr. Carlos, our pastor, about it.

Discussion Topic

Using Chapter 21 of *The Catholic Grandparents Handbook*, by Duquin, members shared ways that they try to share family history with their grandchildren, and why this is important. Attendees also discussed ideas and challenges for incorporating the importance of faith in our family stories.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20 at 11AM. The discussion topic is "Family Dynamics", beginning with Chapter 24 of the *Handbook* by Duquin.

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