

Catholic Grandparents Association of St. Faustina, Clermont, FL, USA
Meeting Report: March 24, 11 am – 12 noon

Attendance: 4

Facilitator: Member, Sam Jones (Ministry Leader Jerilyn Polson absent)

Following the Grandparents' Prayer, Sam Jones, graciously filling in for Jerilyn Polson, led those present in a discussion based on Chapter 24 of The Catholic Grandparents Handbook by DuQuin, "Family Dynamics. Sam reported to Jerilyn that though attendance continues to be very low, everyone seems thoroughly engaged and appreciative of this ministry.

Jerilyn has concerns about the sustainability of a group without consistent attendance of more than 5 people, and depending on a single leader. She has sought advice and suggestions from active members. There are 43 parishioners for whom Jerilyn collected contact information due to their interest in joining the group. Out of those, only about 20 have attended an official meet and prayed the new member prayer.

Jerilyn has sent emails to all parishioners who have attended a meeting since the inception of the group last October, at least twice each month. Once to share this monthly report, and once about 2 weeks prior to the next meeting as a reminder. Notices are also printed in the parish bulletin about each upcoming meeting, once 2 weeks prior, and again the week of the meeting. The group has a web page on the parish web site with information about the group, the theme for upcoming meetings, and monthly reports from prior meetings.

The next meeting will be April 17, 2024. The topic, at member request, is sharing and recommending books we have found helpful in our personal spiritual growth, or in passing on the faith to children and grandchildren. The meeting will take place 10:45 am – 12:15 pm, to allow more time for discussion and fellowship.

Jerilyn Polson
Ministry Leader