



Catholic Grandparents Association
St. Faustina, Clermont, FL, USA
Pastor: Fr. Carlos Caban
Ministry Leader: Jerilyn Polson
Facilitator: Sam Jones

Meeting Summary
Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 11:00 am

Attendance: 8 (1 new)
Grandchildren: 27

Opened with Prayer for Grandchildren

Business

Jerilyn gave an overview of the joint **pilgrimage/retreat** with the Bereavement Ministry:

Thursday, December 12, meet at 7:30 am at St. Faustina. Return approximately 4 pm.

Take bus to San Pedro Spiritual Development Center in Winter Park for full day retreat, Mass, speaker, breakfast & lunch. **\$40 registration includes everything.** Cash or check only. Register with Kim Allen, Jerilyn Polson, or at the church front office. Space is limited but we must fill the bus, so please don't wait.

Official Grandparents Prayer

Today's Topic: "How can we grow our ministry?"

Deacon Cris Stout led a discussion with 14 questions about our mission, whom we serve and how, challenges to growth, and ideas for improvement.

- * We participate in this ministry to learn, share knowledge and experience, seek guidance and inspiration from God and each other, and to give and receive help, supporting and encouraging one another.
- * We come to minister first to ourselves, then our families and parish community, and ultimately anyone God places in our path.
- * We accomplish these goals through our daily living and our meetings and activities. Our meeting format is like a mini retreat. Prayer is essential.
- * Some challenges to growth include scheduling conflicts, difficulty explaining what we are about, and general apathy so common today.
- * We want to improve our publicity.
- * Our publicity needs a "hook". Recipe exchange? Refreshments? Questions people can relate to.
- * Offer social events, some in the evenings. With topics. In a restaurant?
- * Welcome a broader group, not just technically grandparents. Some don't like the term "elders" and many grandparents are still young!
- * Plan service events in which we come together in order to go out and serve the larger community. Food bank? Orphanage? Senior center? Assisted living?
- * Publish an annual schedule of meetings, events and activities, so people can plan and choose.
- * Encourage people to bring children and grandchildren to some events.
- * Nothing against Jerilyn, but we need new/additional moderators and leaders.

New Member Prayer

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 11 am