

Thanks to those who attended our May meeting of the Sisterhood of Faith. For those who could not attend, here's what happened.

We are still in the organizational stages with two primary objectives:

1. choose a chairperson and
2. write our mission statement.

We have identified several projects on which we will be working:

1. baptismal bibs/stoles-Cathy Voegelé volunteered to speak with Father McCarthy about his vision for the Holy Family garments (size, design, reuse of current bibs). Chris Sommer is researching designs.
2. baby hats & blankets (knitted and/or crocheted)
3. baby (approximately 40 x 40) & lap quilts (approximately 36 x 45)
4. seatbelt covers to protect ports for those fighting cancer

Our group quilt top (about 96 x 84) was pieced together by Mary Anne Bauer and ready for the long arm. Cathy Yeager volunteered to provide the batting and deliver the quilt to Anne Monseaux who has volunteered to quilt the layers together.

We have many blocks left from the first group quilt so we must decide what we want to do with them. We also discussed the creation of more quilts. We can make individual blocks to put together into another group quilt. Individuals can make whole tops for finishing within the group, or sew a whole quilt from top to binding.

Phyllis Allen shared the lap and baby quilts that she has completed.

We agreed that communication is key to sustaining and growing this ministry so we will use multiple methods: email, Facebook, and the bulletin.

The next meeting is June 12 @ 6pm at St. Philomena.

Things to consider for that meeting:

1. Interest in chairing or suggestions for chairperson
2. Mission statement creation

Respectfully submitted,

Susan

Ideas from other sources:

The mission of the Sisterhood of Faith ministry is to work collaboratively and independently to create comfort items for charity.

We will do this by holding regularly scheduled meetings that encourage shared knowledge about quilting and other crafts and providing charitable gifts to our community.

We value:

- innovation, creativity, and craftsmanship in all styles of quilting
- integrity and accountability by being effective in achieving our goals and having accountable leadership that earns trust and the good will of our members and the community
- sustainability and successor-ship of our organization
- stewardship of financial, social, and environment resources
- charitable giving by our members who donate quilts and other handcrafted goods to organizations who gift them to those in need
- Friendship. We are a social organization where building relationships through the art of quilting and needle arts is valued.

Blessing Prayer for Quilts

To You, merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who, alone in their homes or in small groups, cut and sew together the colorful scraps of fabric to form tops of spectacular patterns and hues. Lord, we ask Your blessings for these women as they create their labors of love.