**Richland Center Deanery Report**

January 2017

The Richland Center Deanery has been working together to achieve our goals as the power of the Holy Spirit guides us.

Our Fall Assembly was really, quite nice. Father Robert Letona, who has been on the March for Life Pilgrimage over half a dozen times, gave a rememberable talk about Supporting the Pro-Life Movement. The ladies of the St. Aloysius Parish in Hillsboro did a fantastic job hosting and the potluck dinner was delicious. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

We’ve been working on updating the Deanery Bylaws. Deanery Secretary Rose Birkholz took the pre-existing bylaws and typed them up into a format where we could make changes. The officers are planning to meet in a few days to go over the revisions and then present them at our next Deanery Board Meeting.

Our individual parishes have also been busy with various projects.

**St. Anthony – Cazenovia**

Nothing to report.

**St. Mary’s – Keysville**

Father Wesley was pleased with all the beautiful Christmas decorations. They just finished their Big Cookie Drive where they raised over $900 for the Casa Hogar Orphanage. They’ve shown a lot of support to The Family Thrift Store, an ecumenical effort, which is now celebrating their 45 year anniversary.

**Sacred Heart – Lone Rock**

January 24th they’ll have their chili and chicken soup supper fundraiser. They continue to collect food for the Lone Rock Food Pantry. On April 29th they’re having a rummage sale. Their Ice Cream Social is being planned for June 20th.

**St. Jerome – Wonewoc**

Their ladies worked with the Knights of Columbus and had a Silent Auction & Wine Tasting which raised enough money to give 20 baskets to local shut-ins which were filled with fruit, candy, sausage and other goodies.

**St. Aloysius – Hillsboro**

This Sunday they are having a Soup & Sandwich fundraiser to raise money for the Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter and the Knights of Columbus are doing a Pro-Life Rosary before Mass. A couple of them are going to the March for Life Pilgrimage in Chicago on January 15th. They are also considering becoming involved in the Feed My Starving Children which will be taking place in May at St. Mary’s in Tomah.

**St. Mary’s – Richland Center**

Their giving tree had many gifts donated which went to area nursing homes and shut-ins. The Boots for Kids Campaign makes sure all area school children have snow boots to wear outside at recess. Their PCCW donated $5,000 to the Parish Improvement Campaign which, among other things, gave us a much needed, new oven for the kitchen and boilers to heat our buildings. At least 13 adults and youth are going on the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. They welcomed their new Deacon Don Tully.

**St. Mary’s – Viroqua**

The School Supply Drive has concluded as they make donations to the closest two Catholic Schools; St. Charles in Genoa and Sacred Heart in Cashton. The Fall Turkey Dinner was a great success. They purchased new garments for the Altar Servers. Support was shown for Deacon Don Tully with an Ordination Dinner.