

Social Concerns 2014-2015

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St. John Vianney is a tithing parish. This means that not only do parishioners give their substance to the church, but the parish as a whole gives of its substance to the poor. Each year, 10% of the regular offertory collections are given to the poor of our community and the world.

The gift of treasure is only the beginning. We also give of our time through volunteering at various charitable organizations.

Older Social Concerns:

The following ministries are all up and running and do well.

Birtheright of Prince Frederick

Project Echo

Safe Nights

Youth Group

New Concerns:

Addiction Ministry is being led by Jan Pedone. The meetings will begin in March and will be held in the Church. Each meeting will have three separate groups. First group for NA, NA for teens, and Narain for families and group for other issues. The meeting will begin with Praise and Worship from 7:00 -7:30 PM, and then the groups will split off and begin the separate meeting. They will meet on every Thursday night. Jan expressed to me that the group was in need of a new projector. Other than that we are ready to go.

The Emergency Room for Sinners is doing well. The leaders expressed to me that they were pleased and hope the ministry would continue to grow. They have an average of 2-3 people who show up each week. They have two concerns they ask me to bring up at Pastoral Council. One is the name of the group. They feel the name should have more of a spiritual name. Since it appears the clients are coming back each week. They would hope that if they outgrow the spiritual direction room in the FLC they would be able to move into a peaceful and welcoming area possibly in the church. The meetings are held Tuesday night at 7:30PM at the FLC.

The Mental Health Support Group is doing well and growing. The only concern they have is the need for a quiet atmosphere. They meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30PM at the FLC.

Nicaragua Sister Parish is going strong. The church has built 200 homes and hopes to build 500. There are no concerns about this ministry at this time.