

Special Needs Commission

Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2012

Present:

- A. Karina Plascencia
- Yolanda Umeda
- Tony Renteria
- Kay Harter
- Rose Anna Cruz
- David Chavero
- Veronica C. Martinez
- Sandra Rodas
- Dione L. Grillo

Next meeting:

Monday, April 15, 2012 - 10am to 1pm
San Fernando Valley Pastoral Region Office

I. Announcements

New Members:

- Tony Renteria (San Pedro)
 - Behavioral Specialist
 - Youth Minister, St. Hilary
- Kay Harter (San Fernando)
 - Master Catechist, ADLA
 - Catechist, Sacred Heart (Lancaster)
- David Chavero (San Fernando)
 - Catechist, Santa Rosa (Spanish)

Summer 2013 Special Needs Workshop

- July 13, 2012
- San Pedro Pastoral Region
- NO Keynote
- Potential workshops and presenters
 - Social Stories with Yolanda Umeda
 - Jennifery Ayon
 - Georgia Diomedes
 - Dr. Maria French

II. Discussion

Catching Up:

- Santa Rosa (SFVPR - Mission Hills, CA)
 - Bilingual SPRED Program (<http://www.spred.org/>)
- Sacred Heart (SFVPR - Lancaster, CA)

- “Angel Class”
 - 18 children from the entire Antelope Valley
 - Sacramental Preparation
 - Loyola Press (adapting and modifying)
- St. Gregory the Great (SPPR - Whittier, CA)
 - Yolanda’s daughter is in the program
 - She has reached out to the DRE as a catechist.
- St. Hilary (SPPR - Pico Rivera, CA)
 - RatRadd (Norwalk, CA)
 - 6 High School Students
 - 2 Adults

White Mass/Inclusion Awareness Mass

- October 2014 @ Cathedral
- 2013: Parishes to schedule and let us know then we publish to community

Congress Workshops

- E-mail to speakers re: “your workshop is being recommended for our special needs religious education community”
- Workshop Recommendations
 - Workshops
 - English
 - 1-26, 1-28, 2-02, 2-18, 3-07, 4-01, 4-03, 4-04, 5-06, 5-27, 7-15, 8-09
 - Spanish
 - 3-55, 3-58, 4-56, 5-52
 - E-mail to Regionals for distribution to DREs
 - E-mail to Commission for distribution to catechists, friends, families, etc.

III. Roundtable

Language

- Sensitivity in labeling and disability descriptors
 - “More classically autistic”
 - “Severely impaired”
- Refer to handouts from Pathways on Communication
 - http://www.inclusioninworship.org/open_faith_community.php