

Environmental Stewardship Ministry October 8, 2020 6pm

Attendance Mariah Doyle (Ministry Leader , Moderator, Parish Council Liaison) , Deacon Adelia Sandoval , (Clergy Council Liaison) , Bertie Ninichuck , (member and scribe) , Members : Susan and Bob Morano , B'ea Tiritilli , New members : Gene Rascon and Brother Christopher

- * opening prayer ...Richard Rohr's Community Prayer delivered by Gene Rascon
- *intercessory prayers on behalf of the environment regarding California wildfires ,United States farmers , world wide damage caused by the misuse and abuse to the environment , an increased awareness of caring for our earthly home.
- * introduction of new member Gene Rascon and his community
- * Deacon Adelia thanks him and his community for facilitating the first Transitus Of St. Francis of Assisi event held at Saint Matthew's Church on October 3, 2020.
- *She expressed hope of Franciscans and Saint Matthew's community forming partnership . Gene Rascon shares his admiration and kinship of spirit with Bishop Peter and Saint Matthew's Church
- * how his involvement with Saint Matthew's Church progressed his journey with the Franciscan Way of life.
- * shared his history with Deacon Adelia thru Surf Rider program and his appreciation and kindred spirit with Deacon Adelia and the Acjachemen People in regards to their love of and care for the earth.
- * shared about Saint Francis embracing death...(Sister Death) and the Transitus of Francis celebration.
- * shared about being an evangelist for Saint Francis... having love for the earth and seeing it as an incarnation of God .
- * shared about peaceful reconciliation , and the integrity of creation
- * shared about the Franciscan embrace of social justice , the Franciscan Solidarity table , and partnership with Franciscan-hearted peoples.
- * shared how Environmental Stewardship Ministry could partner with the Franciscans...major objective writing to Congress about environmental matters , current treatment of peoples especially current immigration situations , racial injustices.
- *shared about showing up at the margins , gaping the racial divides , reaching out to the youth and to the homeless in the cities.
- * He encouraged recycling , the planting of flowers and trees.
- * promoted the idea that every living thing has God in it and is our brothers and sisters ; encouraged attendance of Orange County Coalition for the Environment (OCICE) events and programs
- *Encouraged us to take what we learn and put it into action... make sure we have our materials and handouts in Spanish.... Be inclusive to other languages and cultures

promote peace....be at peace before you come together. Don't be political , it can create schisms....vote from your moral compass , promote peaceful reconciliation

* introduction of new member Brother Christopher

he apologized for arriving late....shared his gratitude for being able to host the first Transitus of Saint Francis ceremony and to share the Franciscan Way with the Saint Matthew's community.He looks forward to working with our community and helping in any way that he can.

* September minutes were read by members online before meeting.Members suggested bullet points rather than lengthy paragraphs for future minutes.... September minutes were approved.

New Discussion :

* Deacon Adelia was acknowledged for announcing the environmental tip "turn off the water while you brush your teeth" at 9:30 mass and Facebook Live.

* new tip : Recycle your aluminum cans , glass and plastic bottles.If you can't get them to recycling center yourself you can bring them to Saint Matthews and they will be recycled for you.

* previously recycle money from Saint Matthew recyclables went to General Fund....suggested that they now go to the Environmental Stewardship Ministry for the purchase of educational videos on environmental subjects... when virus wanes we could sponsor movie nights.

* good videos would promote interest and inspire our roles as caretakers of the earth , its creatures and one another.

* good videos recommended : "My octopus teacher" (Netflix) , "Kiss the earth" (replenishment farming) , "Salt and light series"(by Al Gore) , shows by Sir David Attenborough.

Upcoming Events and Actions :

* Reminder of Synod beginning monday October 12th.

*Susan shared about ongoing projects in Newport's back bay september thru february. Also in Huntington Beach 2nd and 4th sunday of each monththere are sand and beach clean up projects.

* Deacon Adelia suggested that we could start our own private Facebook page to have information about environmental matters and short videos.

* Deacon Adelia to contact Susan Chamberlain for partnership with Orange County Interfaith Coalition for the environment programs.

* Deacon Adelia to consult with Father Arturo regarding Spanish translations of our materials and handouts.

* our next meeting will be on thursday november 12 , 2020 at 6 pm.

* Brother Christopher gave us all a good laugh with his joke about the benefits of

getting older.....then he closed our meeting with a beautiful prayer !