

Spirituality Commission Report

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Remembering Our Friends In Prayer

Commission Chair, talked about the Bible study group that has a purse that is passed around the room. It contains small slips of paper for each person in attendance to write a special prayer request. These prayer requests are then shared with all the members of the group to pray upon. They are frequently referred to as "Prayer Warriors" as so many times their requests are answered when it never was thought possible.

These intercessory prayers not only bless the person who is prayed for, but also the person who prays for that person. God is very generous, and we are very grateful for His generosity. Johnson also referred to the Gospel story about the friends of the paralyzed man whom they lowered down through the roof so that Jesus could cure him. Because of their faith in God and devotion to their friend, Jesus cured him, telling the man that "the faith of your friends has saved you."

You can also pray for the new Catholics who entered the Church at Easter time. Pray also for those being confirmed, our seminarians, our priests, bishops, archbishops, cardinals, and for Pope Francis. There are many good things going on in our Church at this time for which we can be most grateful and thankful.

I don't want you to forget those suffering for their faith in Iraq, Iran, and Syria; our own parish family members in nursing homes and hospitals; and our deceased family members. Lastly, please don't forget to pray for the poor souls in Purgatory.