

St. Patrick Parish Faith Formation Commission

4/8/2014

7:00 PM Rectory Living room

Purpose statement: *As believers in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, the Faith Formation Commission will, through the teachings of the Catholic Church, educate and evangelize the members of St. Patrick's Parish by implementing and evaluating a multigenerational approach.*

Values Statement: *With absolute trust and faith in Jesus Christ, we are called through prayer and catechesis as members of St. Patrick Parish to be a Eucharistic people, with knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith.*

1. Prayer

- a. Page 3 of Leadergram

2. Administrative Issues

- a. Approval of Minutes

- b. Reports

- i. Youth

1. On Wednesday, April 2 we celebrated Reconciliation for grades 2-12 with their families. We had a small crowd for the early time, but the evening session was well attended.
2. Allyson and I attended CAFFE (Comprehensive Adolescent Faith Formation Education) last week and got some good ideas for our program going forth. We had one catechist attend the evening session and she was excited to see the direction the Archdiocese is going.
3. Mike W., myself, and others from the school attended a day long workshop on using new media in ministry.
4. First Communion May 4, 10 AM; Confirmation May 7, 7 PM; Baccalaureate May 18 8 AM.
5. Allyson
 - a. Cutting back on contracted hours in late May into June to make up for time spent at Steubenville Conference in July
 - b. T-Shirt sales for Youth Ministry fundraiser.

- ii. School

- iii. Adult

1. Will be finishing up Catholicism series on 1st Thursday of Easter. Very good response from those who have attended.
2. Communal Reconciliation Palm Sunday (April 13) at 2 PM
3. Have been doing evening prayer, catechesis based on "Top Ten", and stations on Sunday in Lent at 4:30.

- iv. Financials

3. In-service/Training and Visioning for the Future

- a. Please read and be ready to discuss through Chapter Two in "Forming Intentional Disciples."

- i. Some questions for possible discussion

1. Are you comfortable talking with others about God? If so, what do you discuss? Do you reveal your images of God? Do you discuss God in a way that may lead others to a deeper faith life? Explain.

According to the criteria in the book, are you a “normal Catholic? Or are you a “typical Catholic” who believes that interest and dedication to the faith is for the pious few? Explain your interest and dedication level to the faith. Are you comfortable at your level or is there room to grow?

2. Are there small sharing groups in your parish where you can meet regularly and discuss your faith? What would it take to begin small group faith sharing?
3. Does your parish have a program in place to actively mentor those who want to grow in their faith? Is your Faith Formation program a place where catechists can actively be mentored? How can you play a greater part in actively mentoring others, especially catechists?

4. Other Business or concerns

- a. Faith Formation Leader Evaluation
- b. Preliminary Budget
- c. Textbook update
- d. Preliminary Calendar
- e. Lenten “soup dinners” next year
- f. Scheduling for Light of the World Retreats.
- g. We will put the parish/family contract on hold until next meeting.

5. Closing Prayer

Next Meeting- May 20