

St. Patrick Parish Faith Formation Commission

5/20/2014

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. First Communion was May 4. It was the largest First Communion class since I have been here.
    - 2. Confirmation was May 7. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Archbishop. We had a small reception afterwards, because some of the parents asked for something.
    - 3. The textbooks for next year are here. I plan on doing more catechist training with our catechists next year, starting with a session on using the new materials.
    - 4. Allyson
      - a. Confirmation Date for next year.
  - ii. School
  - iii. Adult
    - 1. Finished up Catholicism series.
    - 2. Possibilities for adult faith formation for next year.
      - a. Oremus (Ascension Press series on prayer)
      - b. Biblical Walk Through the Mass (also Ascension Press)
  - iv. Financials

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

- a. Please read and be ready to discuss through Chapter Three in "Forming Intentional Disciples."
  - i. Some questions for possible discussion
    - 1. Can you recall a "before" and "after" time in your life when you became a disciple of Christ? Did you have an experience that drastically changed your life, where you turned closer to Christ? Explain.
    - 2. Have you ever witnessed such a change in someone else? What is such a change like?
    - 3. Are there ministries in your parish in which "discipleship thinking" is followed? Is such thinking part of your Faith Formation program? If not, what can you do to make this possible?

4. In what areas of your parish is Christian discipleship not yet the standard for ministry and what can you and other staff members do promote such discipleship?

**4. Other Business or concerns**

- a. Fee payment policy-see attachment
- b. Approved Budget, see attachment
  - i. Approval of new fee structure (see pg 3 of payment policy)
- c. Approval of Faith Formation leader contracts
- d. Parish/family contract (see attachment)
  - i. Please pick 3 or 4 items from the family section that you think would be good to include, pick 2 or 3 from the parish section that you think would be good to include.
- e. Beginning of the year picnic/party
- f. For our June meeting, do some reflecting on the purpose and values statements at the top of this page. Do they make sense for us now? Do we need to update them? If so, what would you change?

**5. Closing Prayer**

*Next Meeting- June 10? (Our contracts end on June 15)*