

The FFC commission met in Allyson's office. Members present: Mike Ward, Allyson Brawner, Sherry Welch, Shelly Lydon, Sheila Mellick, Mike Erickson, Lisa Snitker, Dr. Steve Perkins and Lori Ross. Angeline Nesseim was absent.

### 1. Prayer

The meeting opened with a Leader Gram Prayer (page 3) (Matthew 25:31-46) about whatever you do to the least of my brothers that you do unto me. We also discussed how we could each do something personally in 2014 to live out that Gospel message, such as setting in your personal budget to first give to the church, or the school, or a food shelter, etc. This is a very forceful Gospel.

### 2. Administrative Issues

a. Approval of Minutes

b. Reports

i. Youth

1. First Reconciliation was cancelled twice due to the weather, but overall went well. Two people need to reschedule as they were unable to attend.
2. Lots of positive feedback regarding the Encounter Bible study program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Encounter is the 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade version of the adult bible study (DVD and workbooks).
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders with parents met on January 29<sup>th</sup> for the second time this year
4. Allyson is considering doing a multi parish retreat before the beginning of the school year. She mentioned that the last conference was postponed due to the weather. Feb 16<sup>th</sup> is the retreat for the next scheduled confirmation (8am-4pm).

General discussion included asking the \$60 fee that CCD kids pay.... some parents have been asking about that.

ii. School-nothing new

iii. Adult-Adult RCIA and the Bible study are still going. The Catholicism series will start up again on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30AM Mass and will continue at that time unless there is a funeral. Mike will have something in the bulletin as well. If you "like" Father Robert Barron on Facebook, you will get his stuff.

iv. Financials-there was no new information to discuss

### 3. In-service/training

- a. Discussion on Chapter 8 from Dreams and Visions contained a lot of information that we have already discussed. Mostly we continued to discuss groups in the parish that we have not reached out to and how to go about doing so...people who do not attend church on Sunday, word of mouth, invitation, phone call and/or personal visit, coffee and donuts after the 8AM Mass (once a month at first).
- b. Mike told us he would like to implement for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade a policy similar to what we do currently for Confirmation...requiring the prep for those Sacraments to be above and beyond regular catechetical instruction...Everyone thought this was a great idea.
- c. Preliminary calendar was passed out.
- d. Mike also told us about the "Landings" program (a non-threatening video to encourage and/or ask people why they are not coming to Mass anymore. We need to brainstorm and come up with the names of 4 to 5 good people to lead the Landings Program...we will re-visit this at our Feb meeting. Mike also discussed with us the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Theology the Body Dignity sessions. His research shows good response. The session includes sexuality.
- e. We discussed possible Lenten offerings. It was determined that during lent we will challenge ourselves to invite someone back to church. Digging into the New Evangelization...presenting old truths in a new way. We also discussed a bible challenge...creating a Facebook group for people who have read Forming

Intentional Disciples and having good group discussions that way. Doc Perkins knew of one man who is challenging his parish to read the bible.

**4. Other Business or concerns**

- a. Mike will work on scheduling the Light of the World to come give us a presentation next fall.
- b. Be ready to discuss the first chapter in Forming Intentional Disciples (textbook passed out) for our next meeting.

**5. Closing Prayer**

Next meeting February 18, 2014

