

## Adult Faith Formation Minutes from 7/15/2020 meeting

**Attending-** Mark Kunstman, Heather Andersen, Sharon Brabson, Tony Gischia, Jan Liss and Rhonda Trebotich.

**Opening-** a message from Pope Francis related to how essential communications media is in our current times; for bringing people together and for providing needed information.

**First- Fifteen-** Each shared experiences of how we are managing, what we are experiencing in this time of the pandemic.

**Survey to Parishioners-** Tony presented an idea for surveying parishioners that came up during a Men's Scripture group gathering. The intent being to obtain input and ideas from parish members regarding how the Masses and other services of the parish can be most effectively delivered in times of pandemic or any other major disruption of parish functions. The information from this survey would be used to develop short-term goals to improve parish services in the current COVID-19 situation in order to increase our outreach and long-term goals to create procedures for all parish committees in order to maintain the continuity of services in any future emergency. See attached.

From comments that have been heard, concerns were expressed that parishioners may not return to church and that they aren't utilizing our website for information and the bulletin. All agreed with the idea of the survey and that the short survey should focus on conveying that the church cares about them, asking what the church can do for them, how they can still view the mass (if they haven't yet returned to church) and include a prayer (possibly even a refrigerator magnet type).

To ensure that the survey and accompanying letter is read, there was agreement that this should be sent through snail mail and not digitally. It was also expressed that there should not be any focus on how church can be "done differently", as the diocese provides these guidelines. **Mark will present this at Pastoral Council for approval.**

**Online Alpha-** With the pandemic likely continuing for some time, we may wish to try another on-line alpha beginning in mid-fall. Rhonda shared a good experience she and her husband had with a video series called "Discovering Christ", similar to Alpha with weekly gatherings with meals, video and discussion.

**Alpha Potlucks-** We will cancel the August gathering. Rhonda suggested a virtual potluck type gathering that we could consider doing in the fall.

**Future Alpha series-** Linda Cummer shared that youth alpha won't fit into Youth Faith Formation this year. If we should decide to pursue an Alpha for the youth's parents she would have a parent listing for us.

**Meeting Christ in Prayer-** Sharon would be interested in doing a virtual small group gathering for this study.

**"Open Wide Our Hearts"**- Kathy Wolfe had suggested this diocese program for a FF activity. This traveling exhibit, developed by the Diocese of Green Bay's Office of Living Justice, features photos of

Catholics from various racial and ethnic backgrounds alongside written narratives that document what life in the church has been like for them as a person of color. We agreed this would be more appropriate for Living Justice, and Jan will follow up on this.

**Next FF meeting is August 12 at 10AM**

Respectfully submitted by Jan Liss 7/17/20