**St. Bernard’s Families in Faith**

*Parents Planning Meeting, April 5, 2017*

* What are member’s needs/interests?
	+ “Support my faith as a mom”
		- Be with others who appreciate our struggles, camaraderie, speakers
	+ Teach children how to pray
	+ Adult faith formation, even faith formation for parents with goal of teaching children in the faith, with childcare available (example: St. Mary’s in Elm Grove)
	+ Want to get to know other parishioners
* Communication
	+ Update the blurb in church bulletin monthly (Maggie Mueller)
		- Include 1 practical idea for families to practice their faith at home
		- Update for newly scheduled group events
	+ Not all present were receiving all posts on FB
		- Provide instructions and reminder to mark Families in Faith as first in your newsfeed; post these instructions in FB and church bulletin
	+ Most didn’t realize that members were expected to contribute to FB page
		- It is nice just to sit back and receive information (mom with baby)
		- More contributors provide more variety in perspectives and interests
		- Refine group description to emphasize this
* Ideas for increasing membership
	+ Create postcard advertising the group and have available at mass, in cryroom, in children’s busy bags
	+ Encourage existing members to invite their FB friends who are St. Bernards parishioners to join the group
* Help Needed
	+ Are you willing to post 2x/month on FB for relevant topics with regards to raising your children Catholic? Topics include: Prayer/mass with kids, Service with kids, faith formation for parents/kids. Could be original content or links/articles. Keep it authentic – if it is of interest to you it will likely be of interest to some others.
	+ Do you enjoy writing?
		- Are you willing to help draft or edit a description of the group (why it is important, what the group offers, how to participate, etc)?
		- Are you willing to help design a postcard with group overview for potential new members?
	+ Do you want to plan and host an event?
* Next Steps
	+ Solicit interest and availability in a parent learning session – Topic idea: how to teach your children to pray & how to pray with your children. Schedule a social event to follow immediately after the learning session.
	+ Create and print postcards for group
	+ Continue on existing path – give the group time to develop
	+ Facebook posts (1) to encourage members to invite their parishioner FB friends and (2) updating newsfeed to prioritize this group