

Faith Formation Commission Meeting Minutes – January 3, 2017

In attendance: Katie Craft, Mark Engle, Terri Kerley, Katrina Maresco, Paul Pizzimenti, Sharon Volk, Katie Warnecke, Scott Mussari

Faith Sharing: Katrina led the faith sharing on Pope Francis' Bull on the YOM, paragraphs 17-20. It led to a discussion on how to reconnect with people in our techno-savvy society without buying into society's excesses. We discussed our next Faith Sharing resource and Scott M. asked for suggestions on what the group would be interested in as there are many options out there. We will discuss this more at our next meeting, so members are encouraged to bring any personal suggestions of resources, and Scott will also bring other options of Faith Sharing ideas we can use.

Grand Affair: The Grand Affair parish fundraiser will be February 25. Faith Formation has been asked to contribute a basket for the Silent Auction. The theme is "tools". We talked about organizing a basket for "Tools for Faith". Some suggestions to fill the basket: coffee/tea, mugs, spiritual reflection books, a tape measure (how does your faith measure up?), a flashlight (light of Christ). Committee members may drop off donations/gift cards or a monetary contribution at the Parish Office, or bring them to our next Faith Formation meeting.

Parish Mission: The Parish Mission will be held at the beginning of Lent (March 4). Franciscan priest Fr. Thomas Richstatter will be leading the mission, and will preach at all Masses that weekend. His talks will focus on Mass and the Eucharist: how to get more out of Mass and have it nourish us spiritually. Several of the Catholic Updates Fr. Richstatter has written will be placed in the hall rack. Fr. Richstatter could possibly do some sort of presentation for the school children. The committee discussed how to approach the need for child care during the mission, since it has proven difficult to find enough baby sitters. Suggestions included paying for sitters; asking for 8th grade service volunteers. Scott M. & Terri K. will follow up with the junior high. Snacks will also be needed for the evening sessions of the mission.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast: Parishioners are invited to attend the breakfast on January 15 after all Masses. Servatti pastries and Starbucks coffee will be served.

New Business: Mark E. brought up the 5 goals that Parish Council has been asking for feedback on. They are revisiting the "Lost Sheep" goal: inactive parishioners (perhaps empty nesters), and how to get them back. Parish Council wants to create a "Ministry Booth" for the back of church that will provide awareness of the various ministries St. Columban has. This may also help reach the inactive group as they re-assess their own roles in the parish. Another suggestion offered for reaching inactive parishioners is to identify the audience we are trying to reach and create teams of people with the same demographics to call them and mail info to them.

Next FFC meeting:

- Date: **Tuesday, February 7** at 7:15 PM in the Parish Media Center
- Faith Share: **Katie Warnecke** leads discussion on Fr. Richstatter's "Why I Go To Mass"
- Snacks: **Katrina Maresco**

Meeting ended with a closing prayer led by our guest and Commission's driver, Dave Volk.