

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES, 9/8/18

Members Present: Joyce Murray, Marianne Hartkemeyer, Ken Koppmeier, John Meyer, Ray Feldman, Joe D'Angelo

Facilitator: Joyce Murray

Recorder: Joe D'Angelo **Prayer:** Marianne Hartkemeyer

Decisions:

- **September 30 Parish Feast Day event:** 10:00 a.m. between the Sunday morning Masses in the Religious Ed Room. John will read his own St. Therese prayer. Jerome Gabis will present the LF Madagascar mission trip. Joyce will ask Jerome if he needs any help, and will contact LF maintenance about arranging the tables/chairs. Marianne/Joyce will plan refreshments-water, coffee, orange juice, pumpkin bread, small donuts/muffins.
- **Review of the Faith Formation Commission description:** Joyce will rewrite the description so that it reflects the commission's current programs. Marianne reminded us that FF should inspire us and help us on our faith journey. The description will be in parish directory publication and on the parish website.
- **November Saints:** Each week a FF member will write a short biography of a saint for the parish bulletin. Week 1: Joyce/Therese of Lisieux, Week 2: Joe/Katharine Drexel, Week 3: Ken/Richard of Chichester, Week 4: Ray/Pope John XXIII.
- **Lenten Soup Supper Speaker:** FF will suggest Sr. Alice Gerdeman will talk on the Spirituality of the Sisters of Divine Providence. This involves four fundamental virtues: poverty, simplicity, charity, and abandonment to Divine Providence.

Discussion Items:

- **Nine Days for Life Program (January 14-22, 2019):** FF may have some activity in January supporting this program. 9 Days for Life is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life.
- **Small Faith Groups:** FF will continue to have the "Gathered in His Name" small group meetings. This group can include friends and non-Catholics.
- **Adult Faith Formation:** Ray started a discussion of the need for adult religious education in the parish. We discussed Bishop Barron wordonfire.org, EWTN, Sacred Heart Radio (Father "Larry"). and a parish survey from a few years ago. The survey showed interest in the mass, reading the bible, prayer, keeping young people in the church, and 21st Century Catholicism.

Reports:

- We welcomed two new FF members: Ray Feldman and Ken Koppmeier. Thanks Ray and Ken, for contributing so much to our first meeting.

Next Faith Formation Meeting: 10/17/18