

COMMISSION MINUTES

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION, April 21, 2016

PRESENT: Claire Tenhundfeld, John Meyer, Joe D'Angelo, Carol Gabis, Marianne Hartkemeyer, John Mercado, Deb Cook

FACILITATOR: John Mercado RECORDER: Joe D'Angelo TIME KEEPER: Deb Cook PRAYER: Carol Gabis

MAINTENANCE: We went over the discussion questions for the article "Why Men Don't Go to Church". Men are more interested in change and new projects, and may become bored with the same Church rituals every Sunday. We also discussed how preparing women more effectively for their leadership roles in the Church might become an incentive for more Church involvement by both men and women.

DISCUSSION: *Adult Education Needs Assessment Survey Results*

Parishioners completed 84 surveys. There were 31 topics to select from. The most popular topics were: Keeping young people in Church (39), Prayer (38), How to Read the Bible (35), 21st century Catholicism (27), Theological Approaches (25), Contemporary topics in morality (25), Moral decision-making (25), Understanding the Mass (25). The least popular topics were: Women's issues (8), Protestantism (8), Ecumenism (5), RCIA (4), and Vatican II (3). The preferred days and times were: Weekday evenings (17), and Sunday mornings (16). The preferred formats were: speaker with discussion (38), print materials (26), and book discussion (25).

Program on Pope Francis' Exhortation on the Family

Claire will be sending us information on this program and the "Joy of Love" document.

Confirmation: Six were confirmed from Little Flower.

Holy Thursday Program: The program was well attended and very well received.

NEXT MEETING: Thurs., May 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION, June 13, 2016

PRESENT: Mary Anne Boyd, Claire Tenhundfeld, Debbie Otero, Marian Kaiser, Kathy Hays ABSENT: Jodi Knollman, Don Weinkam FACILITATOR: Mary Anne Boyd RECORDER: Debbie Otero TIME KEEPER: Kathy Hays PRAYER: Marian Kaiser

MAINTENANCE: *Care for God's Creation Discussion*-We discussed clean water throughout the world as one of the most pressing environmental problems in our world. It came most into focus during the Flint, Michigan water problem. Numerous drugs are a part of all water systems, which is why the bulletin articles regarding how to correctly dispose of various types of drugs was important. Discussion on Jimmy Carter's work for clean water in Africa was also discussed. Question: Is there an organization in Hamilton County that will conduct free tests of water?

DECISIONS: P&J Commission will do a study of Laudato Si' as maintenance next year.

DISCUSSION: Grace Place-Claire will be at Grace Place each evening as the contact for volunteers. Commission members will call donors this week to remind them about their donation. Possible coordinators for children's evening activities were discussed: those people will also be contacted as a reminder. After this weekend's collection of supplies Claire will tell Debbie if she needs to get additional supplies. P&J members will meet on Sunday, June 26, from 10-11 a.m. to sort and organize donated items for each day. We will observe volunteers to see if any are interested enough to continue the relationship with Grace Place in the future.

Goals and Objectives for 2016-2017: We discussed three possible goal areas: 1. Evangelization (possibly using the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as a starting point) 2. Faithful Citizenship in relation to the November election 3. "Laudato Si'".

REPORTS: *Presentation on Immigration/Refugee* -We will discuss this in the fall for a possible program after the election.

Faithful Citizenship-Claire will contact Tony Steiritz if he is available to lead a program sometime at the end of September or in October on a Thursday evening.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2016

CONCLUDING PRAYER: Marian Kaiser