

Faith Formation Commission Meeting
Minutes
May 22nd, 2011

Present: Carmella Barger, LeeAnn Balbirona, Marcella Rockenbach, Annette VanDyke and Leo DeBruyn

Infant Baptism Prep: Amy Bazille sent proxy report.

- No infant baptism with English speaking community over past several months.
- Amy plans to continue coordinating Infant Baptism for English speaking next year.

Children's Faith Formation: LeeAnn Balibirona

- In anticipation of next year, recent meeting inviting catechist feedback with following proposals for 2011-12
 - Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday, 9:00 AM mass for grades K-2 or 1-2. Possible coordinators: VanGinnekins with two additional assistants.
 - Preschool and Pre-K, possible K on Sunday mornings, 9:00 in Conference Room.
 - Wednesday evening RE for grades 1-5, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM
 - First Communion and First Reconciliation sacramental prep on Sunday afternoons, likely 1:30-2:30, January through May. Sessions for multiple age groups will be offered as volunteer catechists are available. Parent sessions taught by Fr. Jay will likely be open to broader community of adults.
 - Possibly add an orientation session in the Fall for parents, outlining programs and expectations for parent participation.
 - VBS to be coordinated by Amy Marcinak and Janet Yaretz with mentoring by LeeAnn Balbirona
 - Incorporation of instruction on the New Roman Missal will be included in Children's Faith Formation Programs.

Youth Programs: Annette Van Dyke

- Middle School timeframe and coordinator likely to continue as 2010-11 Will likely add to team leadership.
- High School timeframe and coordinators likely to continue as 2010-11 with addition of 3rd team for planning and implementation of youth nights.
- Mission Trek with Esperanza coming up in June 2011. 31 spaces filled with youth, young adults and adults.
- Auction proceeds for youth mission trek early estimates approximately \$30,000.
- Family Camp Out planned for Memorial Day weekend on parish grounds.
- Possible small group to attend Stubenville Convention at end of July in Spokane.
- Incorporation of Instruction on the New Roman Missal will be included in the Youth Programs.
- Addendum: Post meeting, Mary Pratt offered to facilitate a Scripture Study for Youth if a small group is interested.

- No specific plans for Youth Confirmation Program are in place at this time.

Adult Faith Formation: Carmella Barger, Marcella Rockenbach & Leo DeBruyn

- Year long evening scripture study on Genesis coming to a close. 10-12 regular participants.
- Morning group of young mom's scripture study on 1 & 2 Corinthians is complete.
- Lent small faith sharing group on the Apostles' Creed was well received with 12 -14 participants.
- Anticipation of next year – coordinated effort with comprehensive planning meeting to follow in next few weeks. Brainstorming session included the following ideas.
 - Full year length evening scripture study on the Acts of the Apostles.
 - Short term (6-8 week) scripture study and/or faith sharing groups in the Fall and Lent, potentially also in the Winter. Possible morning and/or evening offerings as well as home study options. Need for trained facilitators.
 - Take home options for Advent Spirituality
 - Potential for Women of Grace series facilitated by Karen Rentko
 - Other possible retreats, speakers, small group studies or faith sharing groups.
 - Fr. Jay will be offering adult faith formation on the New Roman Missal – dates TBD.
 - Young Adult Ministry
 - Theology on Tap – Wine with the Word
- RCIA
 - 3 adults and 2 children for 2010-11
 - First year for RCIA adapted for children
 - Next year will be expanding team.
 - Times and dates yet TBD. Possibly Sunday morning or early afternoon or Wednesday evenings.