

Faith Formation Committee Meeting 9/10/18 MINUTES

Prayer Intentions: **for our parishes, for openness to God's plan to help us as a team, as catechists. For our students. For two additional high school catechists.**

Opening Prayer:

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

This prayer was first presented by Cardinal Dearden in 1979 and quoted by Pope Francis in 2015. This reflection is an excerpt from a homily written for Cardinal Dearden by then-Fr. Ken Untener on the occasion of the Mass for Deceased Priests, October 25, 1979. Pope Francis quoted Cardinal Dearden in his remarks to the Roman Curia on December 21, 2015. Fr. Untener was named bishop of Saginaw, Michigan, in 1980.

Wins First day of classes! St Paul Middle School Retreat Sunday with 39 kids and 6 adults!

Eyes and Ears

Committee: Lisa Bixby, Ann-Marie and Patrick Duemling (excused), Karen Farrell, Amy Golden, Mary Kral, Bill Snyder, Jim Winiacki, Dan Zehnpfennig, Eileen Rudnick. (Need someone to act as Secretary tonight)

AGENDA:

Rich Curran 11/7 – posters needed, frequent reminders, hospitality by FF? Pastoral Council? **Pastoral Council reps agreed to provide hospitality, bring food for fellowship after.**

Is the Church Relevant?

It's a tough question many are asking today. Relevant to who and why? If it does not seem relevant to me today, why should it? If the Catholic faith and teachings really are a road map for a holy way of life and the core of that life is expressed within a family unit, we must not be afraid to ask the tough questions. Regardless if you have been a devout Catholic your whole life or you are struggling to believe any more, we invite you to join us for a night of laughter and learning as

we explore the critical questions of relevancy and dialogue about concrete ways to strengthen the relational bonds for both our household and Church family."

Parish Mission 3/11-12, hospitality by FF? Pastoral Council? **Pastoral Council reps agreed to provide hospitality, can bring food, too. Invite Prayer and Worship to provide greeting and hospitality, too. Pretzels as snacks.**

Dr. Dan Scholz is a scripture scholar. Presentation at St Bruno parish will focus on the scripture during Lent. Presentation at St Paul parish will focus on scripture and St. Paul. Dr. Scholz' talks will be part of Evening Vespers, planned by Fr. Dan, Peggy Kolonko, and Mark Mrozek.

Further discussion about better promotion and communication of events. Use Lake Country publication. St Bruno quarterly financial letter. Communicate at the Deanery meetings. Use bulletin inserts. FlockNotes. Faith Formation and School Newsletters. All committee members, teachers, catechists, principals, etc are encouraged to spread the word and invite people to Rich Curran and Parish Mission.

Annual Report due at both parishes **Due date 9/21. Copies will be made available in the parish office for people to review.**

Rise UP – explanation, examples of how this is being integrated **We are called to new life in Christ and to RISE UP to respond to God's call and be conduits of God's grace in the world. Can't RISE UP if not first brought to life in Christ. Faith Formation will focus on this theme through miracles and parables. Youth Ministry shared RISE UP video by Andra Day, powerful song. Told story of paralytic lowered down by friends to Jesus and then healed, and Jesus said, "Rise, pick up your mat and walk". Used balloons with messages written by students about things they wanted to rise up to Jesus. Helium balloons tied to those balloons to rise up petitions to God. Karen shared scripture when Jesus heals the young girl and invites her to RISE UP after she is healed, it is up to her at that point. Karen plans to provide a RISE UP challenge to middle schoolers for the coming week (ie sit with someone at lunch who sits alone, etc.)**

RISE UP and be the person we are each called to be.

Volunteers, chairperson needed for FF Committee. We continue to express gratitude for Jean Warren's 13+ years of service as Chair of St Bruno's and then the combined FF Committee.

Continued formation of staff: Kathie Amedei morning for catechists, Sticky Faith, Rejoice and Be Glad, Called and Gifted workshop and discernment. **Karen and Mary have attended Missionary Discipleship Institute through the Archdiocesan Office for Evangelization.**

Mary solicited suggestions for a small handout to be distributed after mass and posted on website to alert parishioners to the many possibilities for adult formation that are planned.

Discussion of where to send minutes, sending to Pete Pugal, St. Paul, Jan Lamparski, St Bruno.

Next meeting: October 1, 6:30pm, St Paul Family Room. LEADER next time: **Karen** we will report on numbers of students enrolled at the October meeting. **Next agenda: Chastity suggestion from Ann-Marie Duemling**

CLOSING PRAYER:

WORKING ON:

St Bruno Pastoral Council updates

11-7 "Is the church still relevant?" - Ministry meetings cancelled per Fr Dan; he challenged us to bring a guest; perhaps someone who has been away from the church for a while.

Parish Mission March 11/12 mission Dr Dan Scholtz, Cardinal Stritch University

Women of Christ conference

Mini-retreat at St. Bruno 9/15 by Barb Vite, "Growing Our Legacy." She will meet with us twice more during the year with the same theme

Amy

Class lists, processing registrations, getting supply boxes ready for new school year.

I have three volunteers to lead Children's Liturgy of the Word this year.

Incorporating some of the things I learned from Level 2 training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to use with my 1st and 2nd graders.

Finalizing plans for the 7th and 8th grade school retreat at Holy Hill on September 27 and 28.

Will be teaching the 2nd grade school children this year, to prepare them for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Mary

Alpha begins at St Paul October 2, St Bruno in the Spring

After Alpha – "Connect" groups being planned/formed

Baptism prep and scheduling

RCIA begins in October, still finding out intent of those who have expressed interest

Bill

High School Formation Kick Off

Recruiting 2 More 10th Grade Male Catechists (St. Paul)

Confirmation Retreat Love Letter Mailing

Safeguarding Verification for All Catechists

Karen

Middle School Retreat

Beginning of the year classes

Family Program planning