Youth Ministry Leaders’ Monthly Gathering Minutes  
January 5, 2021 – Virtual Online Meeting


I. Opening Prayer was led by Julia Jones.

II. Updates:

• NCYC 2021
  o Survey. Email with survey link being sent Thursday morning of this week. Please complete by Monday morning, January 18.
  o Open Forum – January 22, 10 AM-Noon. Do any of you need an evening option?
    ▪ Agenda will include:
      • Sharing of any additional NCYC information
      • Sharing of survey results
      • Small group and large group discussions.
    ▪ Results from this gathering will be used to continue assessing our NCYC participation.
  o More information on NCYC will be shared at the 2021 NFCYM Annual Membership Meeting during the first week of February, and it will be shared with the diocese soon after that.
  o We hope to have a final decision and details of our diocesan participation in NCYC 2021 by the end of February (if not sooner).

• Hold On To Love
  o Live stream this Sunday, January 10 at 7 PM on Diocese of Davenport Youth & Young Adult Ministry Facebook page, and the 2nd Sunday of February (14), March (14) and April (11).
  o Resources for following through in January-early February will be posted this week and next week on the diocesan Hold On To Love webpage.

• Virtual Workshops
  o Check out the scheduled workshops from Liturgy Training Publications on the Virtual Workshops diocesan webpage.

III. Discussion:

• What are people doing for youth ministry in 2021?
  o Sofia – had been in-person meetings with sd and masks, but had to stop. St. Nicholas went to others – did stuff outside. Not doing inperson meetings inside, but trying to do things outside. Virtual book club – single bead – winter book club on zoom – for parents/teens – separate break out rooms. Outdoor procession for Candlemas (January 31) and adoration in church – large space in church so it’s ok.
  o Tammy – delivering participation bags/items at school/home for whatever we’re
going to do. Arts ‘n crafts supplies. Made Christmas cards for homebound parishioners. Looking for something to do for 66 nursing home parishioners – bible verses on slips of paper, make them into hearts, staple them together, go to nursing home parishioners to hang on their doors for Valentine’s Day.

- Alicia – Christmas cards for homebound, likes what Sofia shared about Candlemas.
- Jasmin – adapting COR so it can be an outdoor 1-day retreat on May 1.
- Evan – last couple of months in planning sessions talking about needs. Want to offer something for juniors who are making decisions about college. Putting together some workshops for 2nd semester juniors. Knowing yourself, discernment on going to college, purpose in life. For seniors, working on an adulating guide or doing it in a TV show format.
- Julia – Lent is coming! Looking for ideas.
- Brett – approaching Lent slowly! Last Lent set up a Flocknote group for Deeper Still (a devotional, with daily inbox reflection). Doing virtual youth group meetings for high school & junior high. Looking for some rejuvenation and new life into the new year.

- Resource sharing – what resources are you finding helpful, especially for families?

  - Tabled until February meeting

IV. Next meeting:

- February 2 (NOTE: This is a change from what has been on the website)
- Sofia Livorsi volunteered to plan and lead opening prayer.