

## Faith Formation Board Meeting – 5/5/20 @7pm via Zoom

Attendants: Anna Park, Theresa Paul, Sue McNamara, Dan Jinguji, Wendy Raney, Penny Zimmerman, Jon Parrish, Mary Johnson, Jane Hommel, Linea Johnson, David Schneider, Father Steve, Linda Heidenreich, Tammy Barry

Opening prayer by Linea

Introduction of Anna Park, new faith formation secretary

Linea – Thank you, Sue! Theresa – A delightful poem to thank Sue

**Outgoing members:** Dan Jinguji, Tammy Barry, Mary Johnson. Pastoral council asked their members that are finishing their first term continue for one more term. We discussed this possibility, also. If the three out-going stayed for one more term. Mary has declined to renew to serve on faith formation board as she has Caritas. Tammy Barry and Dan Jinguji would be willing to serve another term. Dan suggested waiting until the fall to find someone to serve on the board. Linda Heidenreich is going to serve as President next year. David Schneider has volunteered to serve as Vice President.

### What is vs What is not happening in Faith Formation:

- Everything is going to be online for the summer in regard to faith formation. David paid for the booth for Lentil Fest. Father suggested that St. Thomas More add materials for the packet. There is a pdf for the Alive packet as well. Tammy can help to connect David with things for Alive. There won't be an Art Fest this year.
- First Communion & Confirmation – Have not heard from the Bishop on when these sacraments will take place.
- Youth Group Mission trip is cancelled. VBS is cancelled. Steubenville is unsure (*update: cancelled*).  
Linea is working on creating a virtual youth group.
- What is going on – Father Steve is recording Mass for viewing – daily and on Sundays. Homilies are also posted online. These are some really positive things that are happening during this time. Having the music and the readings online is also helpful.
- Pastoral council and Caritas are still meeting.
- Father Steve shared that Sacred Heart has been approved for payroll protection loan. This will cover all employees.
- Theresa has been sending out Flocknotes with resources for families for faith formation (ie-coronation of Mary, etc.). Some positive feedback on the emails that Theresa is sending out and her well wishes and offering help. Other parents are simply overwhelmed with the amount of materials and resources for their children, from schools, groups, and church.

**Parish Directory** – Father Steve has offered to take pictures of families on their porch. This has brought up the problem of not being able to welcome new families to the parish, so he is hopeful that this will be a way to get out and meet the families. David Schneider is willing to help take these as well.

**Dual Plans** – when preparing for the fall, we will plan to have things the way they were and then be realistic to have options set up for the non-classroom options. There will need to be more parental

involvement for religious education, more planning, etc., how to reach out to the adults, etc. Ideas of using Zoom to make groups, etc., for religious education.

**Safety committee meeting** – there will be a meeting next week. Father Steve has a list of recommendations on how to safely reopen. It is going to require many volunteers to wipe down the pews and restrooms. Pews will be moved to accommodate social distancing. Father also mentioned that confirmation may be done family by family making an appointment.

**Youth Ministry** – Linea would like to try to do virtual youth group. Safe environment has been a concern to ensure that guidelines are followed when doing these virtual meetings. Will have to ensure that there are two adults per meeting. Linea mentioned that the diocese has had varying levels of success with virtual meetings. Recording the meetings and turning off private chat has been a recommendation to ensure youth safety. There is also a way to print out chats for documentation. Linea is working on moving forward to provide things for the youth. She is also looking into finding a community service project/volunteer opportunity to do together as a group to help the community.

**Sacraments of initiation for adults** – We have special permission from the Bishop to celebrate the sacraments for the adults in RCIA to receive them this coming weekend. They are students and leaving town. There will be a chalice for each communicant, holy water for baptism, etc. Please keep them in your prayers. It will be recorded and posted for the friends and families. Linda suggested that parishioners or those that have worked with RCIA candidates could send in words of encouragement/congratulations to those receiving sacraments.

Theresa suggested a meeting on June 2 to keep in touch with what is going on in regard to Faith Formation.

Closing prayer by Jon