

## Faith Formation Commission (FFC) Meeting

October 6, 2020 7:00-8:30pm

**Present:** Katie Craft, Joseph Klein, Betty Marshall, John McCahan (Pastoral Council liaison), Scott Mussari, Paul Pizzimenti, Katie Warnecke

**Absent:** Erin Johnson, Terri Kerley, Laura Stiles, Grace Pizzimenti, Scott Stanley

**Guests:** none

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION ACTION
<b>Snacks Enjoyed by All</b>	BYOS (Bring you own snacks for COVID-19)	none
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Scott Mussari led the group in opening prayer.	none
<b>Faith Sharing: “Living the Mass” (chapter 2)</b>	Katie Warnecke led the group in faith sharing for Chapter 2 “From Individuals to Community: The Introductory Rites.” The group discussed the value and meaning of community, especially in relation to the current pandemic. Our tendency towards narcissism was discussed. The rich symbolism in the entry procession and our tendency to become “used to it” was also discussed.	
<b>Vision Team Update: Hiring of Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Evangelization</b>	Claire Corrodoni is the new Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Evangelization. She is now able to reach out personally to high school age youth and is doing some 1:1 meetings (she is going through the directory and reaching out to teens). So far there is a mixed response from teens on comfort level with wanting to meet as a group; youth group may be an option in the future. She is making the rounds to attend multiple parish committee meetings. She is focusing on high school age, working with Jacob to revitalize the Starting Point Ministry, being present at St. Columban School, and teaching 8 <sup>th</sup> grade ERE. She met the YAYA Vision Group last night (10/5/20). John McCahan notes that she was very confident and had a great introduction at Parish Council last week.	John McCahan would offer the Knights to help set up movie night outside, should Claire wish to use this as an event for the youth.

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<p><b>Homework Discussion:</b></p> <p><b>1. How can our parish best serve to enrich people’s faith during this unique time?</b></p> <p><b>2. Are there more things the parish could be doing to reach our parishioners?</b></p> <p><b>3. What specific ideas or things would be beneficial to our parishioners to keep them connected to St. C and to deepen their Catholic practices and identity?</b></p>	<p>Scott Mussari: There was a staff meeting with the Archdiocese today about Christmas Masses this year. With Current COVID restrictions, we can safely have ~450 folks in Church and undercroft (in contrast: 3pm Christmas Eve Mass in 2019 had ~1600 people).</p> <p>The group posed the following ideas/questions regarding Christmas Masses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the spirit of “Rebuilt” should the “regular” Mass-goers be asked to go to off-time Christmas Mass?</li> <li>• Should we ask for folks to watch from home?</li> <li>• Should we add additional Masses and spread out the musicians, etc?</li> <li>• Should we direct folks to attend the Sat-Sunday Masses after Christmas instead?</li> <li>• Can we have the children stand up as Father talks to them, instead of them coming to the front?</li> <li>• Can there be online ticketing/sign up genius (how do we enforce this; will we turn folks away?).</li> <li>• Could we rent a large space somewhere else instead?</li> <li>• Drive through spots when Church is full (drive through Communion and an AM radio station are used by John McCahan’s Chicago parish)?</li> </ul> <p>Joseph Klein: some folks have been going to weekday Mass and note it is not the same level of ‘pomp’ as the weekend Masses. Keeping the vibe similar will be important, to preserve the integrity of the “feel” of a traditional Christmas Mass.</p> <p>John McCahan: marketing/messaging of Christmas changes will need to be publicized far enough in advance as folks will need time to mentally/physically prepare for these changes. John also noted</p>	<p>Scott Mussari to take ideas back to the parish staff.</p>

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	<p>that folks he talked to were unaware of Resources that the parish had to offer (such as the app, the 67 groups that are available, website). Can we offer a refresher on the resources? John also notes that folks working from home/staying at home are now reading snail-mail. At his workplace, they did a mailer and then it directed them to website. ((Scott Mussari added that parish staff recently mailed out cards to all families with school aged children, and then to our elderly parishioners. Cards for another group will be written and then mailed out soon.))</p> <p>Betty Marshall: many older parishioners are not comfortable with return to Mass due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Scott Mussari: some parishioners are not returning to Mass, but are doing other things out in the community. The group agrees that this is the case. The group discussed challenges with getting folks back into Mass after the dispensation of the obligation is lifted.</p> <p>Katie Warnecke: some school-based parishioners who are not attending Mass have fallen out of the “routine”; those talked to gave pre-COVID reasons for not attending Mass (sex scandals, don’t like the homily, aren’t happy with how certain past events handled in school/parish).</p>	<p>Scott Mussari to take feedback to Stewardship, who revamps the web resources.</p> <p>Katie Craft suggests utilizing school kids to write notes. Scott to investigate with ERE and St. C school.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	None	none
<b>Next Meeting Planning</b>	<p>Tuesday, November 3, at 7:00 pm</p> <p>Bring your own snacks.</p>	<p>Read “Living The Mass” book (chapter 3) for faith sharing. This was handed out at Christmas Masses; Scott M has extras if you need one!</p>

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Warnecke.