

Education Commission: Adult Faith Formation

Combined Minutes: Weekly Wednesdays of September, 1:00 pm

- Discussion centered on the need to help Sacred Heart parishioners engage with their faith while social distancing in person and remotely. There was an obvious need to use modern technology to connect with fellow Catholics during the pandemic.
- In collaboration with St. Cyprian parish, Sacred Heart parish agreed to subscribe to FORMED which gives access to video- based technology, movies, documentaries, audio books and programs for every age, children and adults.
- Several members of both parishes agreed to join a ZOOM meeting with Lisa Schartz from the Augustine Institute, a FORMED representative, to learn how to use their website and to plan faith formation programs, using the promotional materials in the Beam. Catechists and staff will be encouraged to request another ZOOM meeting with Lisa if needed.
- Jeff Dombrowski agreed to introduce the program to parishioners at each of the Masses on Sunday, September 20.
- It was agreed that much advertising was necessary to encourage the use of this subscription by the parishioners through Beam articles, flyers, parish mail, the website, and having the information displayed in the Gathering Space.
- Sr. Helen will meet with Cheryl Reynolds, DRE, to collaborate with Religious Education programs involving families and children at least once a month.
- Programs using FORMED have been decided for October and will immediately be promoted.

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(Update: The programs for October, decided at our meetings utilizing FORMED materials. are now advertised in the Beam, the website and Gathering Space. Ninety combined parishioners of Sacred Heart and St. Cyprian have already registered for FORMED.)