

#### **Goal 4: Faith Formation Committee**

Meeting: August 8, 2009

Attendance: Yvonne Beyers, Rebecca Coleman, Anne Strasser, Dianne Hinds, Susan Rasins, Carolyn Cox, Deacon Jim Cox, David Atkinson, Elizabeth Conrad

Opening prayer

Reviewed topics:

Approved Budget 2009-2010

Prayer Group: full amount approved

Centering Prayer: full amount approved

The Great Adventure: The Bible Timeline ([www.greatadventureonline.com](http://www.greatadventureonline.com))

Approved with donation funding nearly entire cost and advertising costs kept to minimum.

Follow-up series: not approved at this time. Depending on success of initial program may receive approval next year or another donor.

The Parish Faithraiser Display ([www.LighthouseCatholicMedia.com](http://www.LighthouseCatholicMedia.com))

Not approved, may receive donation for initial cost, then self sustaining.

Parish Retreat: not approved

Small faith community resources: full amount approved

YAM: 75% approved

Great Adventure Bible Series

Facilitators identified for each session and registration has gone well. Approximately 50 registered for Wednesday evening and slightly less for each Wednesday and Sunday morning.

Wednesday morning: Anne Strasser

Wednesday evening: Rebecca Coleman

Sunday morning: Steve and Betty Haughton

Catechesis for RE catechists

Evening of reflection scheduled Wednesday evening prior to start of RE.

Deacon Jim will discuss plans with Deacon Gary and try to arrange an evening or ½ day of catechesis for teachers. Diocese offers a “Faith Formation Day” usually in October, but its focus is more methods of instruction than catechesis.

Anne and Diane interested in helping to create catechetical program.

Discussion of following topics:

Parish Retreat

Due to recession and no budget, 1 day retreat using parish facilities and local/parish speakers may be possible rather than overnight offering.

Deacon Jim will speak with Fr. Dominic and Deacon Gary about our ideas and tentative date of 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Lent (February 20, 2010).

Suggested we offer babysitting, possibly by CYM, with program similar to Vacation Bible School to make this a multi-generational offering. Presentations for adults could be modeled after Renew, Cursillo or other similar retreat programs.

#### Short Bible/Catechesis Sessions

Desire to offer short programs for those unable to commit to 26 week bible series already planned. Some material may compliment bible series or may be entirely separate, i.e. Discovery "History of Egypt" DVD, faith sharing group similar to "The Eucharist" series offered last spring, Acts of the Apostles, Infancy narratives, Mysteries of the Rosary, etc.

#### Liturgy Translation

Within next 1-3 years, wording of some prayers and responses at mass will be changing. We need to make ourselves aware of the coming changes, listen for concerns of parishioners and be ready to educate and slowly integrate rather than dictate the changes.

#### Committee Name

Other goals have transitioned from a number to a name.

Ask Pastoral Council to consider "Faith Formation Committee" as our title without the qualifier "Adult" to make it more inclusive.

Next meeting: Saturday, September 12, 2009, 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Closing prayer