

Goal 4: Adult Faith Formation

Meeting: February 7, 2009

Attendance: Elizabeth Conrad, Carolyn Cox, Deacon Jim Cox, Dianne Hinds, Susan Rasins, Pia Elsesser

Opening prayer

Review of Objectives as listed on parish website which are classified as “completed” though probably better stated as initiated and on-going.

Review of results from Demographics Survey: Highest interest in class Wednesday morning after mass and some interest Wednesday evening during RE and between masses Sunday morning. Many catechetical topics requested primarily regarding Catholic traditions and practices, history and bible study. Very low response rate limits interpretation of results.

Discussion of following topics:

- Need for spiritual not just academic study (Eucharist is central, also more study of Bible)

- Number and character of Renew groups still meeting

- Days/times and space needs/options for classes and bible studies

- Upcoming events for Lent – Parish Mission and 6-week Eucharist study

- Potential teachers/leaders: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, current RE/RCIA catechists, Deacons/Priests (active and retired), and past Renew facilitators.

- Programs will build over time as atmosphere of lifelong study is fostered – very important to support CYM and YAM post Confirmation

No one had any information regarding a budget for this committee submitted last spring.

Assigned tasks to complete before next meeting:

- Carolyn – obtain budget information

- Deacon Jim – plan/implement Lenten Sunday scripture series between morning masses

- Dianne – contact former Renew facilitators (group still meeting – day/time, open to others to join, current topic/study)

- Susan – talk to friend about programs at Methodist church

- Pia – look into expanding Eucharist study offering during Lent, pulpit announcement

- Elizabeth – contact other churches in community to learn what programs most successful to encourage adult participation and how programs started/evolved

Next meeting: March 7, 2009 @ 8:45 am, RE building Room 1

Closing prayer