

Goal 4: Adult Faith Formation

Meeting: May 23, 2009

Attendance: Elizabeth Conrad, Dianne Hinds, Carolyn Cox, Deacon Jim Cox, Steve Haughton, Betty Haughton

Opening prayer

Reviewed topics:

Questionnaire: Anne and Elizabeth met May 17 and decided a questionnaire would not achieve our goal of finding facilitators to lead “small faith communities” and a list of topics for study was already obtained from class participants and a few other parishioners from a previous survey. Facilitators are better invited in person to lead and often are participants in other parish programs (i.e. bible studies, small faith groups, prayer groups, etc.).

Discussion of following topics:

Budget 2009-2010

The Great Adventure: The Bible Timeline (www.greatadventureonline.com)

Steve and Betty participated in this 24 week bible study at St. Mary’s this past year and in conjunction with Deacon Gary are bringing this program to Holy Name to begin in August.

The parish will purchase the DVD series (\$400) and participants will purchase their own “Study Guide” packets (\$35).

We can borrow the large banner from St. Mary’s for our “Registration Weekends” but additional advertising (posters, fliers, copies, business cards, etc.) is estimated at \$200. It was recommended that advertising include the bulletins of Christ Our Redeemer and Corpus Christi as well as the local newspaper.

Each session will be offered 3 times weekly (Wednesday evening during RE, daytime on a weekday, Sunday between morning masses) to accommodate schedules of as many parishioners as possible.

Facilitators only need to help keep participants on track regarding time and know how to play a DVD, “teaching” is not necessary.

Due to the success of this program at other parishes it was recommended to budget for a short program series for summer 2010, e.g. James, estimated at no more than the original series and associated advertising, \$600.

Plans include offering food at each session appropriate to time of day. Deacon Gary is handling this. Ideas for funding include potluck and donations.

The Parish Faithraiser Display (www.LighthouseCatholicMedia.com)

This is a display of CDs and pamphlets for parishioners to take for personal faith enrichment. A donation is requested for each CD. The original investment is \$991 for 30 copies each of 9 CD titles (of nearly 100 available) and 50 copies of 3 pamphlets. The cost

may be covered by a parishioner but should be budgeted in case this plan doesn't work out.
The program should be self sustaining to make more titles available from donations received.

Deacon Jim will continue the catechism study with a summer study session, "Catechism, Part 3."

Anne and Elizabeth are exploring study series available from the diocesan library and may be offering short summer sessions.

Elizabeth will be meeting with Deacon Gary on Friday, May 29 regarding our budget. If you have any additional comments or suggestions for our budget, please send them via e-mail prior to Friday.

Closing prayer