

# Formation Commission

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

7:30 pm MC Room 106

## Minutes

Members - Present: Larry Huiras, Chris Butler-Schoaf, Doug Kasper, Frank Alvino, Pat Sellick, Craig Osborne, Samantha Delfin, Jason Theobald, Tim Santos, Hank Steermann  
Absent: Chris Breyne

### Scripture Reading/Reflection – Larry Huiras

#### Youth Members

- Four members of the Youth Leadership Group were welcomed to the meeting.
- The Youth members asked for a definition of the role of the Formation Commission.
- The need for youth representation on the Formation Commission was further explained.

#### Catholic Formation Month

- Larry provided a recap from the Formation Team Meeting.
  - The Catholic Formation Month will be tied to “Stewardship of Time”.
  - It will begin with Fr. Tony preaching on January 14 and extending through February 17.
  - National “Catholic Schools Week” will be January 28 through February 4 using the theme “Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education”.
  - Each parish family will receive a professionally designed and printed calendar by mail detailing the events during this period.
- Because the printed document is already designed, the Formation Commission will not need to develop such a document.
- The Formation Commission will be responsible for providing introductions and symbols at all the Masses on January 27 & 28.
- Larry will draft a 3 minute introduction incorporating symbols around the chosen theme of “Stewardship of Time: Come Grow in the Good News”. All members will then review and finalize.
- During the month events being offered include:
  - Catholic Basics for Adults
  - Move “An Inconvenient Truth”
  - Your St. Isidore Dinner Dance
  - Women’s Day of Spirituality
  - “Beyond” for Youth – Bible Studies, Theology of the Body, J-Walking
  - Small Group Faith Sharing

## **Youth Presentation**

- Craig, Samantha, Jason & Tim presented a document titled “Youth Formation”
- Summarized Youth Ministry activities which included:
  - Thursday nights – DTS, Retreats, Spiritual Guides, Beyond Youth Groups, J-Walking, Youth Conferences, First Sunday, Leadership Group: Duc in Altom, Mission Trip, Service Projects, Vocations, Life in the Spirit Seminar and Healing Mass, Healing Mass with the Bishop at the Cathedral, Theology on Tap
- Each program was explained and discussed how it links to our youth faith formation.
- The group was complimented on presenting a very comprehensive list of activities and encouraged to grow in the numbers participating.
- The Youth Leaders presented 4 suggestions for consideration that they felt would further add to the formation of the Youth.
  - Adoration held 24/7 and construction of a small chapel
  - Confession at other days & times not currently available
  - Obtain top speakers who communicate well with Youth
  - Provide a facility that can be used exclusively by the Youth Group
- These suggestions were discussed in detail. It was clarified that the Formation Commission does not make the decision on many of these topics but could provide support in certain areas. Many of these areas are governed by the Worship Commission and Building and Grounds. However, bringing these suggestions forward at this time while the parish is developing a strategic plan is very appropriate. The Formation Commission will incorporate these requests into its suggestions for reaching the stated Parish “Objectives”.

## **Formation Commission Response to Parish Strategic Plan**

- The members reviewed the Goals & Tactics developed by the Commission at the November 14, 2006 meeting. In light of the Youth participation on the Formation Commission and their suggestions given at this meeting, it was determined that the Commission should further confirm that our response to Objective 1 is complete.
- In order to accelerate the process of determining the strategy & tactics for Objectives 1 through 7, it was decided to schedule additional Formation Commission meetings after Christmas and before the Joint Commission Meeting to provide the requested information to the Parish Council.

## **Closing Prayer – Pat Selick**

### **Next Planned Meetings:**

Tuesday, January 9, 2007	Joint Commission	LL Chapel
Tuesday, February 13, 2007	Formation Commission	MC 106

Respectfully Submitted – Hank Steermann