

# Faith Formation Commission Minutes

## January 6, 2016

- Opened with Prayer at 6:37 PM
- In attendance were Nancy Phillips (chair), David Sullivan, Linda Haptonstall, Tom Gray, Andrea Guenter.
- November 4 minutes approved.

### REPORTS

- Nancy's report: Nothing to report
- Pastoral council report (Linda): Disciples Club and sacramental preparation classes are up to 146 participants. The council needs input on parish priorities for budgeting for the year. The council looked at the state of giving in the parish. The survey about changing the mass times had over 700 responses; no resolution to change times.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Multigenerational faith formation events to be held during Lent. Dates will be Wednesday nights, February 17 and 24, and March 2. Classes will focus on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and confession. Agreed by the commission that teaching will be drawn from the *Material for Pastoral Resources for Living the Jubilee* booklets published by Our Sunday Visitor. A letter must be sent to Father Jim to formally recommend the classes.
- Linda outlined how the Spanish multigenerational Friday night faith formation classes are structured as a model that can be used for the proposed English multigenerational faith formation events, for which the Lent classes will be a trial.
- Formation needs to determine what are the basics of the faith that need to be taught and what resources are available for teaching them.
- Need to draft a commission charter/by-laws. Linda provided examples of other committee charters and recommended that we repurpose the faith formation section from *Many Gifts, One Spirit* that is available on the Archdiocese website.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Proposed and resolved to change the day of our commission meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. The first new meeting day to be Wednesday, February 17.
- Adult confirmation will be on March 5 (in English) and March 6 (in Spanish). Uncertain whether Archbishop Sartain will officiate or delegate to Father Jim.
- Linda reported that we need married couples to volunteer to help with the marriage preparation classes in the parish. She will post a notice in the bulletin asking for volunteers.
- Meeting closed with prayer at 7:33 PM.