

## **Faith Formation Board Meeting - Tuesday, November 9, 2021 - 7pm Sacred Heart Social Hall**

**Attending:** Charlotte Bosold, L Heidenreich, Betty Klover, Jessica Ortiz, Kat Harris, Jon Parrish  
Linea Johnson, Theresa Paul, Anna Park

- 1. Faith Formation Report (Information) - Theresa** – We are entering the ninth week of classes. Attendance is steady. We have a few new students and anticipate more since children are now being vaccinated. There is a catechist in-service on Sunday, November 14 from 12-1:30. Teachers will share experiences, ideas, and plans. They will begin making Advent and Christmas lesson plans. Sacrament Preparation has been off to a bumpy start with low parental attendance; however, Theresa provided two make up classes for the first session. Attendance was better at the second session.  
RCIA is going well. A new person joined this past week.  
The Favorite Saint activity was fun and well received. Several adults dressed up and several children submitted stories.  
We are getting ready for Advent, and Theresa will meet with Jill Patera, Trish Doumit and Father Steve to discuss plans for the Children's Choir and skit. We would like to put the plan into action after Thanksgiving. We promoted the *52 Sundays* booklets. Twenty English and five Spanish booklets were ordered (they haven't shipped yet). The *52 Sundays* program booklets start in January.  
The last Faith Formation class for this month is November 14.
- 2. Youth Group Report (Information) - Linea** - Youth Group is going well with steady attendance. Some youth cycle in and out as they are able. They are having good discussions, especially one about modesty and what it means. Halloween movie night was a success - costumes, food, and fun. The Youth Group will meet on November 14 and 21 with Advent wreath decorating on November 21.
- 3. Hispanic Community Engagement Update (Information) - L, Jessica & Dave** - The committee put together curriculum for the Faith Formation class and touched base with the Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) Mass (December 12) planning committee. Jessica is in contact with them if they need input from the FF Board perspective. She is helping with the planning of the Mass (announcements for Mary Sutherland, etc.) and facilitating the communication with the parish staff. She reached out to Alex Amado and the inclusivity between the English and Spanish-speaking community is going well. L, Jessica and Dave put together YouTube videos, coloring materials, music and skit/play, crafts, crosswords and a story about Our Lady for our Faith Formation students. There will be a shrine area for Our Lady that the Youth Group will help decorate the night before the Mass. There will also be a Spanish Mass on November 21 and Father Steve is hoping to schedule one each month for the community.
- 4. Other - (Information) Theresa & Kat** - Theresa would like the FF classes to learn about one saint each month. This will be discussed further at the catechist meeting on Sunday, November 14.  
Kat shared that delivering Christmas cards to assisted living facilities will take place again this year (Social Justice Ministry - Social Connections). She also engaged Jefferson Elementary via Trish Doumit if students would like to submit holiday cards (optional activity for students at Jefferson). There is a need for 300 cards to ensure that all in the facilities get one. Charlotte suggested a kit that students could take home and create cards for those in the facilities. The cards need to be completed by December 18 to ensure delivery and quarantine time to keep the elderly safe.  
Kat also mentioned an idea for addressing the Pope's Encyclical, *Laudato Si*, and addressing caring for God's creation/environmental care with an activity to create hydroponic plants as a Lenten activity. This sustainable practice would teach caring for plants and the Earth. L suggested that this would be a great parish-wide activity and that in the past when a group made reusable bags, it was a well-attended activity. More information to come.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7pm**