

Spires of Faith Cluster Faith Formation Commission

Minutes of November 1, 2011 meeting in Xavier Rectory basement

Present: Father Quint, Father Diehm, Deacon Fred Pins, Jerry McGrane, Joan Steger, Jerry Digman, Joanne Pohland, and Lynne Radabaugh.

Opening prayer: led by Lynne Radabaugh

Approval of Agenda moved by Deacon Fred Pins, seconded by Jerry Digman, motion carried.

Faith Formation Programs: Joan Steger presented a written report of Faith Formation for Earlville attached to agenda. Deacon Fred Pins reported that we are still receiving some new registrations for Faith Formation.

Parochial School Boards: Looking into long term planning.

Confirmation Formation report by Joan Steger: Joan stated that she is still tweaking the “Face Book” page of the group. Joan would like to set up a “Prayer Partner” system so every student is having a person praying for their success in Confirmation and life beyond.

Children’s Initiation has begun and has five children enrolled with their respective parents attending meetings over the next six months. These five children are from four families. Those requiring only Baptism are in the flow to be accomplished by Easter.

RCIA has six active participants in the process at this time.

NCYC attendees will be blessed prior to leaving. Follow-up is suggested to have some of the attendees give testimony to the eighth and ninth grade students in Faith Formation, as well as Beckman students.

Financial Peace University will begin February 6, 2012 and continue for 13 weeks and complete by May 12. Jerry McGrane will have help in presenting this program.

“Catholicism It’s Your Story”: has been tabled for a later time.

e-registration is a possibility for future use. Joan Steger has looked at it and states that is the way she would like to go. Father Quint asked if the Archdiocese could get involved and be a “standard” provider of this method, rather than each of us pursuing it on our own. Father Quint will contact the Archdiocese.

Theology on Tap: Board approved moving forward and to have one event scheduled in each of the cluster towns. Start in January and finish before Lent begins on February 22nd. Snacks, drinks & discussion. Intended for 20 to 30 year olds.

Advent opportunities: Father Diehm stated he could schedule an adult faith formation sessions to be done during Advent.

40 Hours: Suggestions for the 40 Hours scheduled for March 11th through 13th of 2012. Evangelization seemed to be the prominent topic and virtues an alternate topic, and Father Mark Osterhaus and possibly Jon Leonetti as presenters, as Jon will be here in town for the Confirmation Retreat that Sunday.

Next Meeting: February 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the school at Earlville.

Opening prayer: Father Diehm and closing prayer by Joan Steger.

Respectfully submitted

Deacon Fred Pins

2011-2012 Goals: Young adults – Theology on Tap; Married Couples – FPU; Adults Great Adventure Bible Series, 40 hours, seasonal sessions; Implement Archdiocese 175th Anniversary Programs.