

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Short Form Report, April 20, 2017

Members Present: Deb Cook, Joe D'Angelo, Carol Gabis, M. Hartkemeyer, J. Mercado, J. Meyer, C. Tenhundfeld

Facilitator: Carol Gabis **Recorder:** Marianne Hartkemeyer **Time Keeper:** Joe D'Angelo **Prayer:** John Mercado

Maintenance: Sections from Pope Paul's Encyclical "*On Evangelization In The Modern World Section D #3*" was discussed as it applies to Little Flower Parish. At Little Flower, many people volunteer out in the community, acting as Jesus taught us. We wish we could attract younger people to our parish. The leaders of the Catholic Church stay true to the laws of the Church, which conflict with the culture of the modern world. As Catholics, we might not condone some behavior of the culture of the younger generation but we love them anyway. We are all sinners, but Jesus loves us anyway. We need to engage in dialog with young people and listen to what they have to say. When people need God the most, in difficult times, it is sensitive for a church leader to take the pastoral approach to take care of the individual.

Discussion: We discussed how our Parish and Mission statements are expressed in our evangelization.

Everything in our world is a challenge because we are exposed to many more things than years ago. When one grew up in a strong Catholic neighborhood, he/she knew how to live a good Catholic life.

Our Faith Formation Commission needs to promote classes outside the parish that inspire lay ministers, for example, a Eucharistic minister can understand his/her ministry better through spiritual education.

Reports:

Fr. Hater's Lenten presentation stressed looking for God in our lives. He was a very good speaker.

A lunchtime video series took place on Mondays at noon during Lent. It featured Spiritual Heroes with attendance ranging between 5 and 12. The question of whether another time during the day would attract more people was discussed.

The Holy Thursday presentation and dinner emphasized Italian customs, traditions, art, and music during Holy Week. It was a positive experience.

Next Faith Formation Meeting: May 18, 2017

Facilitator: John Meyer **Recorder:** Joe D'Angelo **Time Keeper:** Marianne Hartkemeyer **Prayer Leader:** Deb Cook