

## **EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**January 11, 2016**

### **Commission members present:**

Father John Kopson, Karen Mitchell, Rebecca Bridgnanan, Marti Biscaro, Kelly Hodorek, Tess Noonan, Anne Lybik, Ellen Salter, Tom Mitchell

### **Committee Reports**

#### **1. Religious Education:**

- Karen Mitchell reported Confirmation retreat at the Felician Mother House will be next Thursday and Fr. John and Fr. Jim will attend with 118 Students.
- Reconciliation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders is underway with 52 students
- 8 RCIA Candidates to celebrate the Right of Election in February, 2016

#### **2. Youth Ministry:**

- Rebecca reported middle School Youth group hosting C.Y.T. (Catholic youth Trek) on Friday. Watching the movie "Soul Surfer" and hool-a-hoop contest as well as other activities will be offered
- High School group will help out "march for life trip" on the weekend of January 21-23, 2016 in Washington D.C. Father John will be at the March for Life and 35 people have committed to this event and to ride on the bus!
- Rainbow Conference Jan. 30-31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

#### **3. Vocation Awareness:**

- Travelling Chalice – Annie's "Sign up Genius" is a success among the committee members and is ready to be launched to the whole Parish. Chalice will be kept in the vestry for pick-up and drop-off.
- A link will be forwarded to Marilyn to place in the parish bulletin
- Looking to connect the travelling Chalice "sign up" and information regarding this effort with E-blast that is e-mailed to families of the Parish weekly

#### **4. Faith Formation:**

- Dr. Fastiggi will be presenting on January 18, 2016 on the similarities and differences between Muslims and Christians
- Dearborn Press & Guide has been contacted to promote Dr. Fastiggi's presentation.
- It was suggested to set up a table to provide material for attendees who want further information or have questions
- Possibility of having a website set up to answer questions from community members regarding Catholicism and Christianity

#### **5. Evangelization Committee:**

- Kelly shared the Q & A session between six parishes are proceeding with January 23, 2016 date.
- Location for the Q & A is St. Sabina and the men's club of St. Sabina have offered to assist, Fr. Paul from St. Linus and Fr. Ray from St. Sabina will be answering the Q & A.'s

- Need volunteers from DC. To welcome and seat individuals
  - Coffee, beer, hot chocolate and snacks will be offered in the hopes of fostering a spirit of support and community
  - Flyer is attached to these minutes as well as given to Marilyn to place in the Parish bulletin
6. Lighthouse Catholic kiosk:
- No news on Kiosk
  - Catholic Bible study is being offered at St. Linus on January 28, 2016 – Book of Maccabees
  - Discussion of Bible study being offered at D.C. as it was offered a year or two ago, but had a poor turnout.
7. Parish Council:
- Next meeting, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016
8. New Business:
- Fr. John discussed that Fridays during Lent, following Stations of the Cross, that Lectio Divina will be offered for any to share and participate
  - A.O.D. (Archdiocese of Detroit) is encouraging parishes to focus on personal encounters with Jesus and Lectio Divina is one of the best ways to promote this.
  - Tess asked about Catherine Zardus and her ministry, and Fr. John hopes to discuss this with Fr. Jim and Catherine the best way to offer
  - The book “Rediscover Jesus” by Matthew Kelly will be looked into to see if we can pass it out during the Easter Masses, but we need the best price for this from the book company.
  - At our next meeting in February we will be examining the parish survey from 2014 to determine future topics for faith formation evenings

**Next Education Commission Meeting Monday February 01, 2016 at 6:30pm. In the  
Elementary school library**