# EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES January 09, 2017

## **Commission members present:**

Rebecca Bridgnanan, Ellen Salter, Tess Noonan, Annie Lybik, Marti Biscaro, Kelly Hodorek, Dawn Dwyer

**Absent:** Father John Kopson, Tom Mitchell

### **Committee Reports**

### Opening Prayer:

- Fr. John sent our commission "The New Evangelization Prayer" which we opened our meeting with and a copy has been attached to these minutes

## Religious Education:

- Dawn reported that Religious Ed is gearing up for the Sacraments in the Elementary school. The first is Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Reconciliation.
- RCIA: has families joining with the initial catechumen making this a great family event and promoting the importance of family and the church.

# **Evangelization Committee:**

- Kelly shared that the 6 parish committee are organizing events by rotating at the different churches that represent this committee and presenting Faith Formation evenings similar to D.C.'s like the Apologetics presentation.
- Kelly shared Fr. Leo's presentation is one of these events being presented at St. Genevieve on Feb. 22, 2017 from 7:00 P.m. to 8:30 P.m. Tickets are \$5.00

#### Youth Ministry:

- Possibility of posting for a Middle School Youth Minister by the end of this month Vocation Awareness:
- The "travelling Chalice" has been with the Schroeder family. Dawn Dwyer had made a wonderful book that accompanied the Chalice while it was being circulated in the Elementary school. The book and the Chalice were on display during the Christmas masses. Many people were seen walking over and reading about the activity of the "travelling Chalice" It was a very eye catching & educational display!

#### Faith Formation:

- Next Faith Formation evening is January 23, 2017 with Kathy Crombie about Holy Icons, Created in His Image
- On February 10, 2017, Our Commission has organized a "Women's Event" Called "Warming our Hearts" (Attachment Incl. with these minutes)
- Discussed snacks and decorations for our Feb. 10, 2017 event.
- Marti & Tess to follow up with Lil and Marilyn regarding promotion in the bulletin, Facebook and parish website.
- Requesting, all committee members who can come early (about 5:00 P.M.) to decorate the Gathering room for the Women's Evening
- Tess to present at Parish Council the possibility of our Faith Formation evenings being offered to D.C. student's Christian Service hours on a regular basis

# <u>Lighthouse/books/media:</u>

- Annie shared a book she received from her parent's church at Christmas called "Resisting Happiness" by Matthew Kelley.
- The group discussed and suggested to distribute this book on Ash Wednesday with an invitation for discussion and Lenten Reflection.

# Parish Council:

- No meeting to report on. Next Parish Council meeting, Monday February 06, 2017 P.M.

# Next Education Commission Meeting will be February 06, 2017 6:30 P.M. in the Elementary school Library



Encl. 3 attachments with these minutes.