

Faith Formation Commission Goals for the Catholic Community of Jeffersonville

Key Issue # 1: Youth Catechesis – In collaboration with the Youth Commission there is a need to offer a variety of meaningful faith formation opportunities for high school youth, college age youth, and young adults

Background: The surveys indicated that there was a need for continued growth in the area of Youth Catechesis, especially those effecting high school youth, but including college aged youth and young adults.

Goal #1: In collaboration with the Youth Commission we will offer meaningful faith formation opportunities for high school youth, college age youth, and young adults.

Strategy 1.1: Organize focus groups consisting of the three areas to gain feedback as what their interest are in the area of faith formation.

Action Plan 1.1.1 The Faith Formation Commission in collaboration with the Youth Commission will organize a focus group to get feedback and suggestions in the area of faith formation for high school youth.

Begin Work in March 2011

Action Plan 1.1.2 The Faith Formation Commission in collaboration with the Youth Commission will organize a focus group to get feedback and suggestions in the area of faith formation for college age youth.

Begin Work in March 2011

Action Plan 1.1.3 The Faith Formation Commission in collaboration with the Youth Commission will organize a focus group to get feedback and suggestions in the area of faith formation for young adults.

Begin Work in March 2011

Strategy 1.2 The Faith Formation Commission will gather the results of the feedback received at the focus group gatherings and take further action as needed to further this goal.

Completed by June 2012 & Ongoing

Key Issue 2: Whole Community Catechesis – There is a need to promote and expand opportunities for adults, youth, and children to come together for intergenerational catechesis.

Background: The surveys indicated that there was a strong desire that all ages be brought together for intergenerational catechesis.

Goal #2: Promote and expand opportunities for adults, youth, and children to come together for intergenerational catechesis. Add an additional

Strategy 2.1: The Faith Formation Commission will identify intergenerational catechesis opportunities that exist in the Catholic Community of Jeffersonville.

Action Plan 2.1.1 The Faith Formation Commission will identify intergenerational opportunities and denote on the Catholic Community's calendar.

Begin Work Summer 2011

Action Plan 2.1.2 The Faith Formation Commission will determine how intergenerational opportunities will be promoted in the bulletin and/or newsletter.

Begin Work Summer 2011

Action Plan 2.1.3 The Faith Formation Commission will ensure that commission members will extend personal invitations to intergenerational events, i.e. through phone, email, etc.

Begin Work Summer 2011

Ongoing

Action Plan 2.1.4 After a period of one year the Faith Formation Commission will evaluate how intergenerational opportunities have been promoted and make changes as necessary.

Completed Fall 2013

Strategy 2.1: The Commission will add a new activity each year over the next 5 years.

Key Issue 3: Technology – There is a need to expand the use of technology to communicate faith formation opportunities and to refine the operating systems / databases used in the parishes (networking, etc.).

Background: The surveys indicated that the use of technology to communicate faith formation opportunities is a hallmark of the Catholic Community of Jeffersonville. However, it is well known that technology is continually being updated and changing. There is a need to stay updated in this area and to branch out in new areas. There is also a need for the two parishes to be networked to make the task of communication easier.

Goal #3: Expand the use of technology to communicate faith formation opportunities.

Strategy 3.1: Investigate how to link databases for the Catholic Community to make the use of technology easier to use as a communication tool.

Action Plan 3.1.1 The Director of Religious Education will make contact with the school technology point person and the PDS Support Tech to find information on linking the databases for the Catholic Community.

Completed March 2011

Action Plan 3.1.2 The Director of Religious Education will investigate software and costs involved in linking the databases and give feedback to the Faith Formation Commission.

Completed July 2011

Action Plan 3.1.3 The Faith Formation Commission will make recommendations as to how the request will be made to link databases based on the information collected.

Completed February 2012

Strategy 3.2: Investigate how to use technology to promote Faith Formation opportunities.

Action Plan 3.2.1 The Faith Formation Commission will establish a Technology Committee as an ongoing committee on the Faith Formation Commission.

Completed March 2011

Action Plan 3.2.2 The Technology committee will investigate the use of email blasts to promote faith formation opportunities.

Completed October 2012

Action Plan 3.2.3 The Technology committee will investigate the use of other media, i.e. facebook, twitter, etc. to promote faith formation opportunities.

Completed 2012