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**Faith Formation Commission Notes–**  
**Annunciation, St Joseph, St. Jude, St Patrick**

1/2/07  
6:30-7:30

Attendance: Peggy Lee (Chairperson), Sr. Pat Clement, Pat Erdmann, Terry Pasterski, Darlene Ward, Joe Jacques, Ken Krautkramer, Maxine Geiger, Nancy Cornwell (Minutes).

Absent: Lisa Cochrane, Julianne Doolan

- I. **Opening Prayer:** Terry Pasterski (See attached)
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved as amended by Nancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken.
  - o Amended VI. New Business:
    - c: Darlene asked for overview of Religious Education’s Faith Formation
    - d: Terry to give feedback on Religious Education Program and New Hope Group
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maxine.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. Adult Ministry Minutes:
    - o No questions on minutes.
    - o Sr. Pat asked that the notes reflect Fr Dillenberg, not Fr Dillion.
  - b. Youth Ministry:
    - o No questions on minutes
  - c. Elementary/Middle School/High School:
    - o Elementary Notes: No questions
    - o Middle School Notes: FFC wandering if Julianne’s note on re-doing ‘Protecting God’s Children’ program had to do with the Jr High presentation. Sr Pat said no, Julianne had wanted to review info on ‘Protecting God’s Children’.
    - o High School Notes: Ken noticed RE’s calendar says 1/17/07 1-8 grades. However, no mention of High School classes.  
**Action Item:** Maxine to check with Julianne, update calendar and distribute info. Issue: Any changes made to a calendar typically causes chaos because it is hard to distribute updated calendars to all involved.
  - d. Parish Council Representative Reports:
    - o Annunciation: Joe, no updates.
    - o St Joseph: Darlene, no updates.
    - o St Jude: Terry, no updates.
    - o St Patrick: Nancy, no updates.

**V. Old Business:**

- a. Final copy of survey data distributed. Findings are:
  - o Create 3-year plan needs to:
    - o Incorporate Basic Teachings for Catholics
    - o Bible Study
    - o Spiritual Growth
  - o Survey Comments:
    - o When reviewing handwritten comments, Terry found a few people that stated they taught religious education. These names were forwarded to Maxine.
- b. Survey Data Distribution.
  - o Sr Pat said data will be listed in St Joe, St Jude and Annunciation bulletins (parishes that took the survey).
- c. Three-year long-range plan.
  - o **Action Item:** Sr Pat to have Adult Faith Formation Committee develop plans.
- d. RE goals for this year
  - o Julianne and Maxine to submit 2007 goals for Elementary, Jr High and High School programs.
- e. 'Mission'-market plans
  - o Parish 'Mission' at St Joe's
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in March Fr Kratz to give overview of 'Mission' at masses.
  - o Mission Monday-Thursday 9:00a-10:00am
  - o Mission Monday-Thursday 7:00p-8:00pm
  - o 3/6/07 No Faith Formation Commission Meeting
  - o 3/7/07 No RE Faith Formation Classes
- f. Lenten speakers being arranged by Sr Toni
  - o Topics may incorporate social justices
  - o Suggestion: Consider taping these sessions.

**VI. New Business:**

- a. Pray/play experience for senior citizens on Valentine's Day. Sr Pat overview:
  - o 2/14/07 9:00a-1:30pm
  - o Suggestion: Consider calling experience: 'Valentine's Day Senior Gathering for Young at Heart'. No need then to define 'senior'.
  - o Start with prayer service
  - o End with social events:
    - o Bingo
    - o Jeopardy
    - o Notre Dame Academy Jazz Band
    - o Barber Shoppers
- b. Men and Women's Night Out. Sr Pat overview:
  - o 2/8/07 5:30p---
  - o Rock Garden/1951
  - o 15.00 per person
  - o Sr Ann Rehrouer (Keynote Speaker)

- c. Overview/Assessment of current 2006-2007 Religious Education's Faith Formation from Maxine:
- Catechist are faithful and supportive
  - Fr Pete makes weekly rounds
  - Fr Don has not been able to make rounds in 2006
  - Julianne and Maxine share ideas and brainstorm
  - Elementary Director putting in 30+ hours per week in prep
  - Jr/High School Director putting in 50-60 hours per week in prep
  - Julianne needs additional help with Jr, High School and Youth ministry.
  - Need Debbie/St Joe's to staff front office Wednesday nights. Each week there are new student enrollments. Directors preparing teachers, teacher prayer service and get classes going. Directors not able to help with weekly enrollments.
  - Debbie leaves St Joe's at 12:30 to help at St Jude until 3:30. Need to keep Debbie to help at St Joe's on Wednesdays.
  - RE calendar listed 12/20 as Open House. Parents did not think this was a class. Large percentage of students absent.
  - Maxine said she would like to restructure grade school programs:
    - All gather in basement hall for prayer and universal education of students (Saint Days, Advent, Christmas, Holy Days, Lent, Days of Obligation and so on!!)
    - Then move students to classrooms.
  - Many elementary parents wait for the students in hallway during sessions.
    - Maxine asked several parents to become aides
    - Suggestion: Consider adult education programs at same time as elementary classes. (Wed 5:45-6:45)
  - High School being considered for 7:00p-8:00p (not 7:00-8:30).
  - Ken asked about third floor planning for youth ministry and 2007-2008 grades sharing classrooms. Maxine said the third floor and the classroom assignments are being looked.
  - Advent Reconciliation Mass:
    - Somewhat disorganized.
    - Elementary and Jr High had approximately 250 students.
    - Short two priests. Six were available.
    - Somewhat chaotic. Students and teachers not familiar with reconciliation flow at St Joes (standing in line, what line goes where and so on).
    - Next Reconciliation: Lent.
      - Grade School/one side of church w/four priest.
      - Jr. High/other side of church w/four priest.
- d. Feedback on Religious Ed's Faith Formation and New Hope Group.
- Terry noted that considering new formation of four parishes and multiple parish teachers...program is working extremely well.

- Terry also shared the personal value she received from the New Hope Group meetings. Sr Pat said she too has had feedback on the positive effects of the New Hope Group.

VII. **Closing Prayer:** Terry Pastorski (see attached).

**Actions Items:**

Responsible Person	Action Item	Due Date	Completed
Education Commission Members	Think about adult educational opportunities <b>Update:</b> Will discuss opportunities after parish surveys completed	10/3/06 12/05/06 01/02/07	01/02/07
Peggy Lee	Contact Terry for St Jude report on 'Parish Vitality' survey information	12/5/06	01/02/07
Terry Pastorski	Read survey's written comments. Summarize and share at next FFC meeting	01/02/07	01/02/07
Pat Erdmann	Read survey's written comments. Summarize and share at next FFC meeting	01/02/07	01/02/07
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Sr. Pat	Disseminate summarized survey results at parish masses.	01/02/07	02/06/07
Terry Pastorski	Prepare/deliver Opening/Closing Prayer for next meeting.	01/02/07	01/02/07
Education Commission Members	Go over Fr. Everts suggested goals and come up with Education Commission 3-year goals. <b>Update:</b> Partially complete. All members to consider additional goals.	10/3/06 11/07/06 12/05/06 01/02/07 02/06/07	
Maxine Geiger	Check with Julianne on 1/17/07 High School classes, update calendar and distribute info.	1/10/07	
Sr. Pat	Have Adult Faith Formation committee flush out a three year Adult Education Program to start July '07	02/06/07	
Nancy Cornwell	Prepare/deliver Opening/Closing Prayer for next meeting.	02/6/07	

Next Meeting: Feb 6, 2007  
 St Jude's Education Commission Room  
 6:30-7:30

## GOAL SETTING / SUGGESTIONS

Share three goals (suggestions) of Education Commission. Select 3 to 5 goals to work on. Consider 3-year goal setting and planning.

### 9/5/06 Meeting:

- ❖ Incorporate Fr. Everts suggested goals:
  - Develop a healthy spiritual community that ministers to the needs of people on different levels.
  - Develop an atmosphere that enables our young adults to become a part of who we are and contribute to who we are.
  - Develop a spirit of cooperation between our linked parishes that will enable us to enhance one another's life yet maintain our individual identity.
  - Find a way to get our adults to commit themselves to reclaiming a Catholic way of life and Catholic identity.
  - Re-instill a sense of mercy and compassion.
- ❖ Engage parishes and parishioners. Empower everyone to become involved. Create programs to involve people where they are.
  - Elderly to adopt confirmation candidate to prayer for. Create prayer program partners.
  - Create young (contemporary) adult group. Engage 18-40yr olds. Develop 'What Can We Do' programs. Give young adults a sense of purpose.
- ❖ Continue to collaborate with many parishes on young adult programs.
- ❖ Find/identify resources for education program (Julianne and Maxine)
- ❖ Identify current structure of education
  - LoSec responsible for keeping records of catechist
  - Each parish should have record of catechist programs completed.
  - Some parish information is missing. May have to start with new structure, new format and new documented information.
  - Dioceses may have record of catechist completed programs
- ❖ Survey parishes for needs: What are they hungry for, what are they looking for (prayer experiences, etc.). Sr. Pat will check with dioceses for established surveys

### 10/03/06 Meeting:

- ❖ Establish parish leadership opportunities
- ❖ Develop 3-year Bible study course,
- ❖ Develop outreach programs; Identify needs and incorporate diversity needs within all parishes.

11/7/06 Meeting: Tabled

12/05/06 Meeting: Tabled

1/2/07 Meeting: Tabled

Opening and Closing Prayer delivered by Terry Pasterski (01/02/07)

**Opening Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, we have come together in your name to work for the good of this parish. Stay with us with your invisible presence and pour out the gifts of your spirit on us. Make us work in a spirit of trust and love, as well as a spirit of prudence and understanding so that we may experience and abundance of light, compassion and peace. Let harmony reign ever among us and let us keep our eyes fixed upon you. Enable us to implement your known will for us, no matter what difficulty it may entail.

**Closing Prayer:**

Most Holy Trinity, we adore you and through Mary, we implore you to give all mankind unity in the faith and courage faithfully to profess it.