

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/21/2009

Re: Faith Formation Commission Meeting of 28 Sept 09

Members present: [Ken Maleck](#), [Joe McBride](#), [Mark Ristroph](#), [Katie Conner](#), [Jennifer Bovitz](#), [Dan McCabe](#).

Deacon Ken Maleck opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:30 pm.

Deacon Ken explained the mission of the FFC. We are tasked with acting as a liaison with each ministry listed under FFC in the booklet. We contact the chair of each ministry to ensure each is actively pursuing their intended purpose, meeting on a regular basis, recruiting new membership, etc., as needed. We should also report back should we uncover any ministries that are "floundering" – that is, need help, or are no longer functioning. In that case, we are tasked with determining what the cause is, and whether we, or the parish staff, or the parish at large could be of help, or perhaps it just has run its course.

Responsibilities for liaison with each ministry were divided up amongst commission members. (See attached table.)

Deacon Ken passed out a brochure from "Sunday by Sunday" as a suggestion for use by small faith sharing groups. A sample copy has been ordered from the publisher.

Additionally, the team was asked to visualize what the ministries the FFC should include for a parish our size. Are there any ministries we should be offering that we aren't?

The group brainstormed ministries that might be included under faith formation.

Theology on Tap was dropped due to a lack of leadership. The previous leaders did a great job, moved on when their families grew. Possible names were suggested who might be interested in renewing this previously successful ministry. Deacon Ken reported that Terry Wick offered the K of C as a meeting location for TOT, should it be reinstated.

Women's Bible Study was mentioned as a possibility. Currently, some parish women attend Bible studies at other Catholic parishes, as well as non-denominational studies.

Older Couples Mentoring Younger Couples was suggested as an unmet need. Joe noted that the new "Living in Love" program, as it grows, will fulfill that need, as it operates on that principle.

Youth Ministry, as seen from a faith formation perspective was discussed at length. It was noted that all too often, for young folks, faith formation stops after Confirmation. Although our Youth Ministry exists to fill this need, is there something more we should be doing?

Programs to augment the formal instruction received in Catholic schools and CCD would be most beneficial. The scripture-sharing program for 7th & 8th grade girls that has been successful at St Mary's school was offered as a model to draw from.

A small group faith sharing groups for teens was suggested. From a logistics perspective, it was suggested that doing this by neighborhood or geographic area would have best chance of success. Getting 2 or 3 parents excited about this would be a good approach. Jennifer agreed to look into this concept, and develop it further.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

-Submitted by Deacon Ken Maleck

Ministries under sponsorship of Faith Formation Commission

Commission Members: Ken Maleck, Joe McBride, Mark Ristroph, Katie Conner, Jennifer Bovitz, Dan McCabe.

	Ministry	Ministry Leader	Commission Liaison
1	Second Wednesday	John McCormack	DMcCabe
2	Retrouvaille	John McCormack	DMcCabe
3	Serra Club	Michele Migone	DMcCabe
4	CCD	Barbara Kareis	JBovitz
5	Vacation Bible School	Joan Purucker	JBovitz
6	Catechesis Of Good Shepherd	Joan Purucker	JMcBride
7	Family Night Workshops	Joan Purucker	JMcBride
8	Small Faith Sharing groups	Joe McBride	JMcBride
9	St Mary's Men's Prayer group	M. Lammers / Joe Mc Bride	JMcBride
10	Natural Family Planning	Rebecca Grady	KConner
11	"Together" (formerly <i>Familia</i>)	Steve & Katie Connor	KConner
12	Cursillo	Jerry Marcotte	KConner
13	Sunday Morning Faith Formation	Ken Maleck	KMaleck
14	Saturday Morning Men's Faith Formation	Fr Jerry	KMaleck
15	Gathering	Ken Maleck	KMaleck
16	Rosary Devotion	Pat Boerner	MRistroph
17	St Mary's Prayer group	Fr. Ed Frank	MRistroph
18	RCIA	Deacon Brian & Vicky Barnett	MRistroph