

FAITH FORMATION GOALS & OBJECTIVES 2011-2012

Description: The Faith Formation Committee oversees the faith formation of all parish members – adults as well as children - nurturing the spiritual life in all and an ongoing understanding of our Catholic faith tradition.

Charter: The focus of this committee is to implement our Parish Mission Statement by providing ‘a dynamic Scripture-based program of faith formation which enables us to understand the Christian message and our faith tradition and which prepares us for the challenges of Christian living.’”

Scripture: John 15:7 - “Stay joined to me and let my teachings become a part of you.”

GOALS FOR ALL AREAS OF FAITH FORMATION

GOAL # 1: SCRIPTURE/MESSAGE - To encourage regular reading of Scripture, especially in preparation for active participation in Sunday Liturgy, so that all community members (adults, youth and children) may grow in knowledge and love of God’s Word in order to better understand our response to the Word in our lives.

OBJECTIVE #1 - Provide resources and opportunities for children to understand Scripture and participate in Liturgy	
ACTIVITY 1 – Purchase resources for LOW catechists	500
ACTIVITY 2 - Provide ongoing formation for LOW catechists	550
ACTIVITY 3 – Maintain Sunday Nursery & God’s Little Lambs Programs	300
ACTIVITY 4 – Annual Appreciation Dinner for Nursery and Little Lambs volunteers	350
ACTIVITY 5 - Parish resources for Catechetical Sunday	700

GOAL # 2: TRADITION - To provide ongoing instruction and spiritual formation for all adults, especially our parents, so that they may grow more comfortable in apprenticing our children and our RCIA Candidates and in supporting one another in passing on our Catholic faith tradition.

OBJECTIVE #1 – Grow Adult Formation offerings	
ACTIVITY 1 – Purchase supplies in order to maintain vibrant RCIA process for adults.....	800
ACTIVITY 2 – Provide seasonal resources for the parish community (<i>Exploring the Word</i> , Lenten Advent books, etc.)....	2475

ACTIVITY 3 – Provide resources for Small Groups & Scripture Study	3500
ACTIVITY 4 – Women’s Retreat	300

OBJECTIVE #2 – Actively minister to Adults, Families, Children and Youth

ACTIVITY 1 – Maintain Family Faith Formation programming

Family Catechetical Resources.....	8000
Family Life Materials	500
Resources for Children on the new Roman Missal	500
Summer Camp	3500
Middle Catechetical Program	1425
Family/Parish Activities	1660
Christmas Gift for 1 st graders – how to follow the Mass	300

ACTIVITY 2 – Provide forum for parents of middle school youth to connect and discuss issues pertinent to raising a child of faith in today’s world

Middle School Parent Evening	500
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ACTIVITY 3 – Maintain Bereavement Ministry.....

600

ACTIVITY 4 – Update Resources

310

OBJECTIVE 3 – Maintain ongoing parish sacramental preparation, education and celebration

ACTIVITY 1 – Provide resources for Baptism Preparation (50 families per year).....	2025
ACTIVITY 2 – Provide resources for Eucharist preparation (50 children per year)	2560
ACTIVITY 3 – Provide resources for Reconciliation preparation (50 children per year)	540
ACTIVITY 4 – Provide resources for Confirmation preparation (70 youth)	13708
ACTIVITY 5 – Provide process for adults and families contemplating returning to or joining Catholic faith	550
ACTIVITY 6 – Provide preparation for Adult Confirmation	50

OBJECTIVE 4 - Communicate within Parish

ACTIVITY 1 – Print annual Faith Formation booklet	400
ACTIVITY 2 – Print annual Advent booklet	300

GOAL # 3: EVANGELIZATION - To encourage and sustain all community members as we seek to share the message of Jesus Christ with each other and with those we meet in our families, neighborhoods, workplaces and larger communities.

OBJECTIVE 1 – Provide support and encouragement for Faith Formation volunteers

ACTIVITY 1 – Thank you luncheon Monday Group and RCIA Teachers Lunch	350
ACTIVITY 2 – Cards/Flowers/thank you gifts.....	225
ACTIVITY 3 – Christmas Cards to catechists	40

OBJECTIVE 2 – Provide ways for families to put faith into action through service

ACTIVITY 1 – Monthly Sandwich making for <i>Our Daily Bread</i>	600
ACTIVITY 2 - Provide opportunities for service learning for Middle School youth	600
ACTIVITY 3 - Provide opportunities for Confirmation service learning	150

GOAL #4: ONGOING FORMATION – To support those in ministry with opportunities for ongoing formation – Volunteers and Staff

OBJECTIVE 1 – Provide ongoing formation for volunteers through the new Archdiocesan EQUIP for Ministry Process1500

OBJECTIVE 2 – Professional Development for Faith Formation Staff

ACTIVITY 1 - Participation in Mid- Atlantic Congress – Baltimore (Pat, John & Joanie)	675
ACTIVITY 2 – Archdiocesan Retreat for Directors of Religious Education (Pat)	500
ACTIVITY 3 – Professional memberships & activities (Pat)	375
ACTIVITY 4 - Executive Program for Catholic Leadership – U of Notre Dame – July 9-20, 2012 ... Fr. Frank & Pat tuition and travel for Pat	900

TOTAL FORMATION/EDUCATION BUDGET: \$34,135 Formation

Adult Formation	6875
Faith Formation for Families and children	18485
Middle School Formation	3125
Archdiocesan Annual Assessment	1700
Ongoing Formation – Volunteer & Staff	3950

TOTAL SACRAMENT PREPARATION BUDGET: \$20,383

Sacrament preparation – Baptism	2025
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Sacrament preparation – Reconciliation	540
Sacrament Preparation – Eucharist	2560
Sacrament Preparation – Confirmation	13858
Rite of Christian Initiation for Children and Youth	550
RCIA	800
Confirmation for Adults	50