

St Therese Faith Formation Committee
03-09-2010 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Michelle Pellman, Nancy Seaman, John Faundeen, Doug Basche, Cathy Anderson, Father Hal Barber, Tammy Badger, Pat Starr, Barbara Lockwood, Karen Heiling, Twyla Steinberger

Not Present: Mike McInerney, Bridget Dahlin, Kathleen Hawks

Prayer – led by Father Hal Barber.

Minutes – Motion to approve both the February minutes was approved.

Survey

- Mic Pellman indicated that the entire meeting would be devoted to examining the survey results. Cathy Anderson relayed that only nine surveys had to be transcribed. Thank you, Cathy! The FFC noted the following trends from the survey:
 - Invited speakers were desired
 - Bible study was a topic of interest
 - Activities for singles and people without children are requested
 - Bridget Dahlin repeatedly identified for her good work with K-5 students.
 - A lot of work is needed for the 6-12 youth ministry

Some survey highlights included:

- 176 people took the survey
- 163 completed it
- 80% indicated they were raised Catholic
- 20% were raised Christian other than Catholic
- 68% felt that they were active in their faith
- The Mass attended breakdown was:
 - 34% 8:30
 - 33% 10:45
 - 19% 4:00
 - 10% 6:00
- 89% indicated that they attend Mass weekly
- The largest age groups of respondents broke down as:
 - 40% 41-50
 - 25% 51-60

- 17% 31-40
- 76% of the respondents indicated that they were female
- 46% indicated they are married with children
- 33% indicated they are married without children
 - Twyla thought it would be interesting to compare these last numbers with the demographics information that Shirley Donnelly maintains as a means to validate the survey figures.
- 95% indicated participating or attending Mass is how they grow spiritually.

The FFC discussed how the 176-response number compares to the overall parish population. Removing the number of children under the age of 14, there were 1,248 potential respondents.

Mic reminded the FFC that the weekend of March 13 and 14 we are to speak after each Mass about the FFC leading up to Sign-Up Sunday. The volunteers are: **Action:** 4:00 Barbara Lockwood, 8:30 Nancy Seaman, 10:45 John Faundeen 6:00 Tammy Badger. Twyla Steinberger and Nancy Seaman will develop a script for the Masses. **Action:** Twyla & Nancy to email script to volunteers by March 13.

The FFC made several decisions regarding the survey results distribution:

- The summary and trends will be drafted for the next FFC meeting.
 - Final version will be distributed to the Parish via Father's monthly letter, the bulletin and the Parish email list.
- Distribution to the Parish is targeted for Mid-April.
- Parishioners asking to see the entire survey will be directed to the FFC co-chairs, Mic and Twyla so that the proper context can be provided.
- Additional questions will be addressed to Mic.
- A complete paper copy will be kept in the Parish office.

| [In the interest of time, subcommittee reports were tabled until the April meeting.](#)

Closing Prayer led by Father Hal.

Next Meeting April 13, 6:30 pm.