

## **The Board of Catholic Education of St Joseph Parish Minutes**

**Wednesday October 18, 2017 @7:00 Kelly Hall**

### **Meeting**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Member present:** Gerald Reinersman, Sue Greis, Steven Fischer, Jill Stratman, Brian Callahan, Rick Wolf, Chris VandeWater, Hannah Peters, Dustin Parks, Hollie Lusby, Kristine Willike

**Members Excused:** Vicki Klocke, Linda Bricking, Derrick Reeder

**Approval of Minutes:** Kristine and Hanna

### Pastor's Report:

### **United Catholic Movement**

- We are still in the midst of sharing the message of creating a culture of invitation and welcome to Catholics who are away from the practice of the faith.
- At Sunday Masses on October 21-22 parishioners who has returned to the practice of the faith will give a short presentation. They will talk about their experiences of returning to the faith and why they are happy they did so. The point being to encourage the average Catholic to invite other Catholics to resume the practice of the faith and receiving the Sacraments.

### **School Confessions**

- In the past, all school students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation once during Advent and once again during Lent. This year, we have scheduled confessions for students outside the seasons. The purpose is to make the impression upon students that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not just a seasonal sacrament but should be received regularly.

### **Adult Faith Formation – Lectio Divina, Praying the Scriptures**

- Fr. Trinity and Vickie are leading adult faith formation sessions using the Lectio Divina series on FORMED.org. Sessions are on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings. These are very rewarding and enjoyable sessions. Seventeen are registered for Monday night. We're unsure about how many are registered for Thursday morning.

### **Confirmation**

- Our first meeting with Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors last evening.
- Confirmation commitment will be held at the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, October 22. Candidates commit themselves to take their preparation seriously.

### **Parish Eucharistic Devotions – Fri, Nov 10 – Sun, Nov 12**

- Our annual Eucharistic devotions are being planned. This is a wonderful way for the whole parish to express devotion to Eucharistic presence of Jesus Christ. We follow a traditional ceremony including a procession (outside if weather permits) and Benediction.

Fr. Eric Boelscher, here as a seminarian and in residence during his first year after ordination, will give the homily.

- Parish boards and committees are asked to send representatives to Solemn Closing on Sunday 4:00pm.

### **Upcoming events**

- United Catholic Movement presentations      Sunday Masses, Oct 21 – 22 all Masses
- Confirmation commitment                      Sunday, Oct 22 11:30 Mass
- Ministry Dinner                                      Wednesday, Oct 25
- Parish Men's Day of Reflection                Saturday, Oct 28
- Blessing of Child in the Womb                Sunday, Oct 29 5:00pm and 9:30am Masses
- Eucharist Devotions                              Fri, - Sun, Nov 10 – 12    closing at 4:00pm

### Administrator Report:

MAP testing has started on October 17 and should conclude on October 27.

Blue Ribbon Application has started and should find out in September of 2018 if we are approved.

Teachers are working on their individual Growth Plans.

### Faculty Report:

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is working on measuring everything and has started to use Break out boxes.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade went on a field trip to the State Capital.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade went on field trips to Great American Ballpark and Alexandria Fairgrounds.

They are also started to work with chrome books and are finding them very helpful.

### Religious Education:

October 22 is Confirmation Commitment Mass, which is held during the 11:30 am mass.

This is also Mission Sunday. During the last 20 minutes of class we will have our annual World Mission Rosary which is made out of balloons.

Each of the five decades of the World Mission Rosary has different colors that represent different mission regions of the world:

Yellow for the rising sun over Asia

Red for the blood of the martyrs of the Americas

White for Europe, home of the Holy Father, and his call for new evangelization

Blue for water surrounding Oceania (the island nations) of the world

Green for the grasslands and forests of Africa

To this "geographical" rosary, we reflect on the five points of evangelization described by Pope John Paul II in his encyclical Redemptoris Missio, "On the Mission of the Redeemer."

These are:

- Inter-religious dialogue
- Liturgy
- Solidarity
- Witness
- Proclamation

We will begin in the Gym to meditate on five Scriptural "Mission Mysteries" while praying the rosary: The Visit of the Magi; Jesus Talks with the Samaritan Woman; Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant; Jesus Sends out his Disciples; and The Conversion. Afterwards we will release our rosary balloon in the air, as a visual sign of lifting our prayers to God.

November 5th we will conduct our Safe Environment training.

#### Committee Reports:

#### **Special Events**

Next event is teacher dinners during conferences on November 20 at 5:30

#### **Finance**

Rick Wolf is staying on and Michael Ruprich is joining him. They will rotate months and report back. The Finance meeting was taking place at the same time as this meeting so no one went.

#### **Marketing**

The Facebook page for the school has taken off. Please tell people to like it.

#### **Technology**

Dustin has volunteered to join the Technology Committee

#### **Old Business**

Google Drive is being set up and a link will be sent shortly for BOE members.  
Diocesan training went well and people seemed to like it.

#### **New Business**

We are working on our Mission Statement.

Michael suggested a float in the Alexandria Fair to help with Marketing. He is looking into who to contact.

**Communication:**

No Report

**Motion to Adjourn:** Michael Ruprich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dustin Parks second the Motion.

**Closing Prayer**

The next meeting is November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM back in the Lower Meeting room.