

Catholic Education/Formation Committee (CFC)

Minute Summary for 10 January 2012

01. Evening Prayer was prayed from the Liturgy of the Hours.
02. Catechetical Materials for Young Adults, *A Summary of Church Teachings* . . . the membership deemed the content organized, easily read and followed and deals with serious matter. The membership suggested a number of focus groups: RCIA, adult enrichment and basic certification for catechists.
03. Age for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation per Bishop Callahan. Bishop Callahan has indicated to the College of Deans his desire to consider the age for the celebration of the sacrament to late tenth grade and early eleventh grade as an ideal. The membership discussed this “desire of the Bishop” and finds the concept one to be pursued in the parish.
04. The Advisory Committee /Youth Adults of the CFC. The focus is to keep youth and young adults connected to the parish after they have celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and through their college years. Ideas: 1) Plan a social/food activity and/or service opportunity for young people during college winter break (2013). 2) Send a note around exam time from the parish with a prayer letting them know we are thinking about them. 4) Get families to be pen pals with college students. 5) A WIKI or Facebook acct for the parish so high school and college age people can get information and stay connected with parish. 6) Pen pal a Confirmation candidate with an elementary age child or a child preparing for Sacrament of Eucharist.
05. The Religious Education/Faith Formation highlighted the response of 40 children who gathered with the youth choir for Christmas Eve, preparations and catechesis for the celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist and a planned Lock-In by Wausau Deanery parishes for those in Grades 6, 7 and 8.
06. The PFC Budget Committee report indicate that the parish is even in these lean economic times the parish that the parish tithes is \$4,500 under budget. Father Slowiak said this is most gracious of the parish members.
07. The Subcommittee on Stewardship Curriculum distributed the draft of two lessons for Grade 1. Lesson plans will be developed for Grades 1-10 for use next September in the Religious Education Program. The lesson plans for Sunday School are developed and being implemented.