



EDUCATION/FORMATION COMMISSION

The Holy Family Education/Formation Commission supports all levels of religious education, encouraging all to participate in life-long spiritual formation through community-wide catechesis.

Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2018

Agenda Items:

1. Pastoral Strategic Initiatives and Commission Planning

- Reviewed Strategic Initiative document submitted to Cambria based on discussion in January All-Leadership meeting and our existing planning.)
- Perceived disconnect between our planning and parish-wide planning

2. Congress: task-level status and planning for 2018 Congress March (13-18) activities; as a commission, reassess the items accomplished in the Congress work plan.

- Congress efforts are hit or miss—we're doing too little to make much impact, and it's taking most of the Commission's human 'resources' time and energy.
- While increasing Congress participation has been one of our two major commitments these last two years, little impact has been seen. Next year, we will not pursue the tasks we could not or did not accomplish this year.
- We will continue working toward increased awareness of Congress and the opportunity it represents, with some carefully targeted outreach

2017-2018 Review

- Attendance by Commission members will be mixed
- Reviewed Congress task plan and assessed feasibility and priority.
 - i. Key tasks we have not completed include mentoring, drilling down in ministries and increasing participation by parish leadership.
 - ii. Key barriers to Congress attendance we have identified will require a large response—especially transportation and accommodations.

2018-2019 Planning (*thank you, Religious Ed for input to these tasks.*)

- Two Sunday tables next January, including the 'curated' program posters.
- Present similar material at the fall Ministry Fair—it will be too early for 2019 brochure but prior years' books will illustrate. We need to shepherd potential attendees long before the book comes out.
- Develop a "club card" promotional tool as soon as Congress 2019 theme is known. Similarly, create Congress 'interest' cards in the pews to complete and drop off.
- Consider working on a small scale on the invitation [to Congress] throughout the year, focusing on a few candidates and encouraging them

and checking in with them on occasion about joining us in Anaheim. Congress has some promotional material—consider holding a PR Sunday morning in Sept and invite a handful to share in a live invitation.

3. *Alpha*

Alpha roll-out will be within Holy Family parishioners to start participant groups. Discussion of summer v. fall programs, and individual availability.

- The *Alpha* program provides the opportunity for a larger impact by Commission members than the Congress initiative.
- *Alpha* is an area (evangelization) that we perceive as most immediate in the many functional ministries within Education and Formation.
- Commission members are personally invested in the *Alpha* process having participated with the pilot program this year.

Next Scheduled Commission Meeting: March 13, 2018

April 10—Dawn in not available

May 8—Commission

June 12—Transitional office and leadership