



## **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: September 12, 2017**

#### **Meeting Objectives:**

- *Alpha* Engagement Process Update, Planning and Actions
- “Ramp-up” 2018 Congress activities
- Next-steps for 2018 planning priority in Leadership Development Models

#### ***Review Alpha Progress***

Dawn presented the Alpha pilot project, starting the end of September for 12 weeks and a Saturday (see schedule, following.) Using St. Joseph Center, an Alpha meeting format from the Commission’s point of view is:

1. Setup for meal by the Commission members who are serving as Hosts for that meeting (signup to follow, target at least two Hosts per session.)
  - a. Commission members will provide meal portions either cooked or purchased, based on a separate food signup schedule, since several Commission members can provide food on occasions they cannot attend as hosts.
  - b. Tray out desserts separately, ready to bring out to allow attendees to self-serve at break. EG, a portion on a plate with any required cutlery on the side, easy to pick up.
2. 6:30 PM: Serve Dinner (nicely)—individual serving dishes (entrée, carbohydrate, vegetable or salad) from which participants serve themselves (using available china?)
3. 7 PM ish: A 20-25 minute video is watched by the group, with Hosts joining the group to dine and watch the video.
4. 7:30 ish—9 PM: Facilitated discussion of video and any related questions, with Hosts joining the group but not dominating the discussion.
5. 9 PM and following: Clean up by Hosts

Action Items for Commission members are:

- Recruit attendees, especially “seekers” and people in the “millennial” generation (*this age range is defined as those born between 1982-2004 by the authors credited with coining the word, with other various sources citing other ranges, starting as far back as 1978.*) If we average 2-3 recruits per commission member plus Dawn’s resources it’s a good start!
- Sign up for meeting attendance as Hosts, and for meal preparation/purchase (Dawn will provide on line signup program.)
- Attend meetings to serve meals, participate with the group and clean up.

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*Faith and Formation Commission 2017-2018 Planning*

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<b>ALPHA MEETING SERIES</b>		
Thurs	9/28/2017	Is there more to life than this?
Thurs	10/5/2017	Who is Jesus?
Thurs	10/12/2017	Why did Jesus die?
Thurs	10/19/2017	How can I have faith?
Thurs	10/26/2017	Why and how do I pray?
Thurs	11/2/2017	How and why should I read the Bible?
Thurs	11/9/2017	How does God guide?
Sat	11/11/2017	Who is the Holy Spirit?, What does the HS do? How can I be filled with the HS?
Thurs	11/16/2017	How can I resist evil?
Thurs	11-30-17	Why and how should I tell others?
Thurs	12/7/2017	Does God heal today?
Thurs	12/14/17	What about the church?

***2018 Congress (March 13-18)***

- Next steps—reach out to key ministries (starting with RE) with the approach of asking and listening...“what and how does this respond to your needs?”
- Schedule table dates with parish calendar

**Next Commission Meetings:**

**October 10, November 14**

**No individual commission meetings scheduled for December or January**