



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

## 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: May 23, 2017**

**“Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.”**

*Teilhard de Chardin*

**Present:** Dawn Ponnet, Ramon Barreras, Mary-Elizabeth Ohde, Virginia Rusk  
**Absent:** Karla Stephens, Karen Whitney

### **Update from Dawn:**

- Bannon’s text (Divine Renovation) discussing using the “Alpha” process for evangelizing—HF considered using Alpha in the past and instead decided to do M. Connolly’s monthly talks. Those talks are doing well but are attracting the audience already engaged in formation and an active part of the parish community.
- The “Appreciative Inquiry” model for meaningful engagement within a communication/leadership process may hold real potential to energize our interaction with our ministries.
- Website streamlining, adding a “You’re New?” button, with click through draft materials seeking to establish mutual expectations of Holy Family/Catholic participation to balance access to HF’s wide ranging of services.

**“Go, make, baptize and teach”** Discuss Chapters 3-5 and following of Divine Renovation (Mallon) as a part of our 2017-2018 objective:

- 1. Develop leadership and participation within the lay community.**
  - a. Explore leadership models and identify options benefitting lay leadership in a mission-driven church.
  - b. Identify options for bringing new people into the process including those not committed to the traditional parish model, e.g., “millennials.”
  - c. Assess opportunities for existing parish leadership, volunteers, and parishioners
  - d. Discuss and communicate identified challenges and opportunities to parish leadership.

Discuss Commission membership for 2017-2018 ((Tabled until June meeting due to time constraints)

### **Next Commission Meetings:**

**June 21, 6:30 PM (Meet in Eden Center, teleconference in Ginny)**

- Feedback on Alpha Program (mentioned in Divine Renovation) materials
- Overview “Appreciative Inquiry”
- Feedback on Holy Family website drafts
- Continue to read and digest DR, Chapter 5 and following

**Inservice August 8** “Appreciative Inquiry

## EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION, 2017-2018 PLANNING

**Consistent with the role of Commission defined in the Covenant Booklet 2015-2016, the Education and Formation Commission Goals, Objectives and Tasks for 2017-2018 are:**

***Goal:***

**IDENTIFY AND EXPRESS THE NEED FOR LAY MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN ALL FORMS OF CHURCH MINISTRY.”**

- Pastoral Plan, 2010, “**GOAL 2: AWAKEN THE COMMUNITY TO VOCATION CONSCIOUSNESS...**
- Covenant Booklet, 2015-2016. **Commission Roles...Connecting, Supporting and Leadership”**,

***Goal:***

**AWAKEN AND ENRICH THE COMMITMENT TO LIFELONG ADULT FAITH FORMATION OF ALL PARISHIONERS TO GROW IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST THROUGH EXPERIENCE, REFLECTION, PRAYER AND STUDY**

- Pastoral Plan, 2010

### ***2017-2018 Objectives***

- 2. Develop leadership and participation within the lay community.**
  - a. Explore leadership models and identify options benefitting lay leadership in a mission-driven church.
  - b. Identify options for bringing new people into the process including those not committed to the traditional parish model, e.g., “millennials.”
  - c. Assess opportunities for existing parish leadership, volunteers, and parishioners
  - d. Discuss and communicate identified challenges and opportunities to parish leadership.
- 3. Integrate Congress outreach and increased attendance goals with Parish leadership and strategic planning goals related to Parish leadership.**
  - a. Increase Parish staff attendance/participation
  - b. Increase attendance of ministry leaders
  - c. Drill-down attendance within ministries through ministry leaders
- 4. Building on 2016-2017 efforts, continue encouraging parishioners to attend Congress for personal formation, transformation and community building.**
  - a. Work with the Religious Education ministry to integrate planning and implementation activities
  - b. Develop “tool kit” for ministry-level outreach encouraging Congress attendance
    - Include a brief video customized to Holy Family
  - c. Identify mentor/opinion leaders to join Commission members in ministry-level communication and outreach
  - d. Refine Gathering Place table outreach