

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster
Faith Formation Commission
Meeting Agenda – September 22, 2015
IC Summer – 7:00pm

Members in attendance: Fr. Jim, Pam Rochford, Pam Schmitt, Jamie Hoey, Holly Streeter, Mary Olson, Bill Cowley, Mike Yauk, Beth Schellhorn, Sam Christensen, Justin Heins, Kim Reichter, Kathy Wenthold

- I. Opening Prayer – Opening prayer commenced at 7:05pm and was led by Mike Yauk. The council prayed the Hail Mary for the ailing.
- II. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve 7/15 minutes by Hoey with a second by Olson. Motion carried.
- III. How are things going?
 - a. IC – Things are going well. There are 99 total registrations for 2015-16. All teaching positions are filled.
 - b. Holy Name – Registration went well. Over 50 families have registered. Roughly 90% attended registration night.
 - c. St. Francis – There are 35 students registered this year. There are two in First Communion and five in Confirmation.
 - d. St. Peter – 58 kids are signed up for this year. Vacation Bible Camp and Reading Camp were a success.
- IV. Evaluations
 - a. VBS at HN – The program grew in numbers as the week went on. In all, 22 kids participated. IC/HN will share a program in coming years and assist each other.
 - b. Confirmation Retreat – The weather was great and the location was ideal. The next retreat is at UNI on 10/25. Mass will begin at 10:30am and the program will conclude at roughly 5:00pm.
 - c. Registration/Program Handbook – The new handbook has been completed. It was distributed to families and is on the website, as well. It is difficult to get a complete handbook due to last minute teacher assignments, but it works out fine.
 - d. Catechetical Sunday – Went well. Books were given to the catechists as gifts.
- V. Data Report – CRE's and Program Managers are to get their list of catechists to Fr. Jim and also a list of anyone not wishing to be paid for their service. Annual FF reports need to be submitted.
- VI. Diacore – The Youth Rally in Elkader is 9/23. Rich Curran will be the speaker. All parishes in the cluster with the exception of IC will attend. This is due to the distance.
- VII. Children's Liturgy of the Word – Will begin the weekend of 9/26-9/27. It will follow the Gospel. All parishes are ready to begin.
- VIII. First Confession/First Eucharist – A meeting will be held with teachers and CRE's Program Managers. Focus will be on instruction at home. A retreat for parents/students will be held in December. Cowley requested we look into daycare options for families in attendance at the retreat. More parent/student participation will be required for First Communion.

- IX. Confirmation – Will be held October 11th at 2:00pm at St. Peter. Practice will take place the week prior. Mary Olson is handling the logistics for the facility. Holly is doing the Program. Jamie has ordered the gifts. Letters will go out to families. 2015-16 teachers had a meeting in August to discuss the creation of a common cluster program. The first parent meeting was held at St. Francis on 9/20. There will be several workshops the students and parents will be required to attend throughout the year.
- X. NCYC – We have raised over \$20,000 for the event. There will be a large group meeting on 9/28. Chaperone training will take place at Holy Name. Holy Name will also be a bus pick-up spot for the Diocese. There are several details that still need to be planned.
- XI. IMPACT – Three members of the FF Council will attend the first IMPACT retreat the weekend of 9/26. IMPACT is a 2-year program for individuals interested in increasing their presence in church lay ministry.
- XII. Web Page – The new cluster website is live. Any questions or suggestions should be sent to Kathy Wenthold.
- XIII. Other – RCIA will begin the first Sunday in October and run through Easter. It will be held Sunday mornings at 9:00am at St. Francis of Assisi.
- XIV. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm with an Our Father.