

**John XXIII Parish**  
**Faith Formation Study Group Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 15, 2008**

Present: Ann Petrzela, Amanda Hinz, Paul Pospischil, Luke Reichert, Roberta Reid, Scott Benke, Allison Wilhelm. Absent: Linda Weaver, Pat Brush, Maureen McGraw, Barb Viktora. We opened with an evening prayer service led by Ann.

1. The meeting began with a review of what we have read and what documents we plan to cover in the future. This was led by Ann.
2. The group discussed Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry. We broke into smaller groups to discuss the three goals outlined in this document. Each group was to determine what points in each goal stood out to them.
  - Goal 1: Discipleship
    1. Youth need to serve and there should be a connection to Jesus' life of service. How do you make their service relevant to how Jesus served? The connection should be shown to the youth before they do the service.
    2. Public school students vs. Parochial school students: the public school students seem left out. How do you enrich their lives? How do you pull them in to serve?
  - Goal 2: Participation in the Catholic faith community
    1. Again, the issue of public vs. parochial. The public school kids can't be neglected, but how do you deal with all the extracurricular activities?
    2. It is important for the family to nurture the faith. And it must begin at an early age.
    3. Tap into youthful idealism. They want to make a change in their world. Tie that into social justice. Then let them know they are making a difference.
    4. Kids that are involved in the church have parents who are involved in the church.
  - Goal 3: Foster personal and spiritual growth
    1. After kids get confirmed, there is a gap (a time of no structured learning). How do we deal with this?
    2. Bestow knowledge and values on these kids. What does the Bible teach us?
    3. Fostering spiritual growth begins at home. Introduce this to them when they are young. As a parent, set a good example and strive to be an excellent role model.
    4. How do you get young people to recognize the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives when that is difficult even for adults?
    5. Help them to see their gifts/talents and empower them to use these in the Church and the community.

3. The final point discussed was the meaning of “comprehensive” youth ministry. All agreed with definition in the document and found it to be thorough.
4. Finally, Ann informed the group of an important meeting on October 4, 2008. It will be a strategic planning meeting facilitated by Brian Topping. This will run from 9:00 until 3:00.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13 @ 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Allison Wilhelm