

Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Planning Team Minutes
Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Attendance:

Cindy Swiecichowski	Todd Raether
Mark Fuller	Tanya Myerchin
Shandel Huffman	Alex Isaacson
Amy Koehler	Frank Mercadante

Items of Discussion:

The meeting opened with prayer, check-in, and prayer requests of the team members.

Frank reported that the data gathering that was done today with the Sacred Heart middle school youth, public middle school youth, high school youth, and parents (of students in grades 7-9) group went well. Frank will give a more detailed report on his findings and themes encountered with these youth focus groups.

A discussion and brainstorming session was led by Frank and the ideas that were written down are included below in these minutes for further reflection and discernment, as we continue to form the mission statement for youth ministry in this parish.

Who are WE.....? (See last meeting minutes for the rest of these ideas)

We are family.
Called to share Good News.

Who do we want to reach?

Teens who are lost
Young adults - give opportunity to contribute
Adults, older adults- give same opportunity to share
Hispanic, Asian, Native Americans
Parents of teens.
Larger parish community.
Family
"Misfits" (youth)

What is our Goal?

Be welcoming.	Love God/others/self
Have hospitality	Youth actively participating in parish life
People of prayer	Youth share faith/experience with family
Service to others	Challenge youth spiritually/grow in faith
Openness	"Exciting" youth ministry
Charisma	Creating life long disciples of youth

Foster personal relationship with Jesus
Building/growing relationships with each other
Valuing youth as special and important in Church

What is our Goal? (con't)

Youth confident in faith
Nurture in youth positive Catholic values
Youth understanding their faith
Develop confident youth leaders
Foster the "A HA" moment/conversion
Youth want to invite/share group with others
Youth proud of being involved
Long-term faith commitment/spread to others
Adventure/exciting/journey of faith
Uplifting
Help teens in need/help teens with faith questions
Lead, educate, and guide teens in faith/mentor youth
Help teens become for Christ-like
Youth proud of being Catholic
Address spiritual needs of youth/ integrate faith into all of life

How will we achieve our goal?

Prayer/surrender ministry into God's hands
Make a plan
Involve people
Create leaders
Challenging views
Educating people on "youth ministry"
Youth leaders growing in their own faith
Discerning the gifts/ministries of people
One person/one family at a time
Invite people
Evangelize
Forming teens in the faith
Creating opportunities to serve others

Action Items:

Keep praying and discerning mission statement.

Amy hopes to start a youth newsletter and has asked interested youth ministry supporters to assist with this.

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 8, 2007 at the Parish Center- 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Fuller