

Central Maryland Adult Coordinators' Meeting

Thursday, August 28, 2008, 9am

St. Joseph, Sykesville

In Attendance:

Kathy Reid and Jackie Antkowiak - St. Joseph, Sykesville
Sr. Val Rusin - St. Anthony, Emmitsburg, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Thurmont;
Ricardo Valdez - Holy Family, Middletown
Rita Mahoney - St. Ann, Hagerstown
Amy Spessard and Julie St. Croix - St. John, Frederick
Paul Gallagher – St. John, Westminster
Sr. Jude Cianfroga – Sacred Heart, Glyndon
Therese Ivanisin – St. Francis, Brunswick, St. Joseph, Buckeystown
Jim Schrader - St. Timothy, Walkersville
April Dietrich - St. Augustine, Williamsport
Daria Kaas - St. James, Boonsboro,
Stacey Ford – St. Michael, Poplar Springs
Chris Weber and Judy Williams, CEM Center

What is going on in your parish?

- St. Joseph, Sykesville
 - Book Club – Discussion groups in for of small groups which meet Sundays, between Masses, Chat Rooms set up on parish website.
Purpose to increase small Christian communities within parish
- St. Michael, Poplar Springs
 - Adventures in Revelations Bible study by Jeff Cavins – DVD program
Choice of two groups/times: Tuesday mornings / Thursday evenings
Will conclude study with a Mass and potluck.
 - Family night at the movies.
- Sacred Heart, Glyndon
 - 36 week Catholic Scripture Study
AM/PM Groups, morning group for women/young mothers, with childcare provided, Mass and potluck
 - “Park and Pray” – for parents waiting to pick up children from religious education
- St. Timothy, Walkersville
 - Continuing the Journey (from Catechist Magazine) this fall.
Open to the area, includes clock hours
 - Paul-based Bible study
 - Fr. Jude Winkler to speak on Paul in February
 - “Sunday Night Live” – series of guest speakers, special events such as pot lucks.
- St. John, Westminster
 - Year of St. Paul Speaker Series - Sept. 20:
 - Michael Gorman*, St. Mary’s Ecumenical Institute – AM
 - Little Rock Informational Workshop with Sr. Susan from Little Rock – PM (flyer)
 - Little Rock Scripture Study during the year – “Letters from Prison”
 - Young Adult group - activities include meetings at restaurants, guest speakers following 6pm Mass

*Chris Weber, CEM Center pointed out that Michael Gorman will be this year’s Central Maryland Formation Day (March 14, 2009) keynote presenter, “Worthy of the Gospel; Paul’s Spirituality for the Church Today.”

- St. James, Boonsboro
 - Little Rock Scripture Study – Acts of the Apostles
 - Small communities doing Bible study
 - Recently had facilitator training for Little Rock
- St. Ann, Hagerstown

- Adult Faith Formation team formed with “focus areas” (young adult activities and religious ed., book club, etc.)
- Theology Straight Up – one of above focus areas - for young adults, meets in restaurants.
- Holy Family, Middletown
 - “Year of Prayer” – through scripture, traditions and one another.
Monthly prayer themes – (October: Rosary, November – The Mass; December-“Emmanuel, God With Us;” etc.)
 - Monthly meetings, activities which focus on prayer theme for that month.

Area Pauline Scripture Studies

Judy, CEM Center, will email group asking for details on all Pauline events for the year.
Events will be posted on CEM’s website.

Regional Adult Confirmation Preparation – proposed by Chris Weber, CEM Center

- Discussion by group of this topic. Is there a need? How often? Where?
- Need catechesis ahead of time to inform parishioners that they have to be confirmed in order to be a sponsor, godparent, etc.
- Best guess of how many each parish may have to participate:
 - St. James/St. Augustine – 1
 - St. John, Frederick – 3
 - St. Ann – 2
 - St. Joseph, Sykesville – 1
 - Sacred Heart – 15-20
 - Holy Family – 1
- Discussed offering Adult Confirmation preparation twice a year – November and Pentecost.
For now, possibly work toward the Pentecost, May 31, 2009, confirmation date.
Begin the program in all locations (see below) the week of April 20, 2009 (2nd week after Easter Sunday).
Possibly an initial meeting/orientation held at individual parishes.
Offer three regional meetings in each county. Design one of the evenings to accommodate those who are fully –practicing Catholics.
- Group decided on the following locations/days:
 - Washington County – St. Ann, Hagerstown – 3 Tuesdays
 - Carroll (Howard) County – St. Michael, Poplar Springs – 3 Wednesdays
 - Frederick County – St. John, Frederick – 3 Thursdays
 Participants free to attend at any location.
- The following are interested in planning conversations for Adult Confirmation:
April Dietrich, Stacey Ford, Rita Mahoney, Daria Kaas, Ricardo Valdez, possibly Barbara Anderson, PLD of St. Anthony, OLMC, per Sr. Val.

Next meeting

Monday, Dec. 15, 10am-12pm, St. Michael, Poplar Springs.
Group decided to meet on a “tri-annual” basis.

Minutes compiled by Judy Williams, CEM Center.