

St. Anthony Catechetical Plan

Appendix

FOCUS GROUPS RESULTS

3-14-02

Understanding Catechesis (What does the church tell us?)

Common Themes

1. Catechesis is responsibility of the whole community, not just priest or staff members.
2. We are all catechists (every group noted this in some way).
3. Catechesis must be continuing (life-long) (4 of 5 groups mentioned this).
4. Must provide a variety of opportunities.

How Do We Grow In Our Faith? (What is happening now?)

Common Themes

1. Emmaus (all 5).
2. Small groups - faith sharing, prayer, study (all 5).
3. Participation at mass and other community ministries.
4. Personal and communal prayer.
5. Retreats - missions.
6. Outreach (Haiti).
7. R.E., RCIA, School, Baptism Prep.

Imagining the Future (Ideas for the future)

Priority Suggestions

Group 1 - Feb. 18

1. Create/expand small faith-sharing groups.*
2. Bring in speakers/presenters.*
3. Link catechesis for children with catechesis for adults.*
4. Invite folks to make an Emmaus weekend, and provide follow up.*

Group 2 - Feb. 19

1. Make people aware of opportunities through personal invitations and being a more welcoming community.*
2. Provide small groups for those in transition such as those recently confirmed, completed Emmaus, completed RCIA, parents whose children have just left the nest or those that recently completed youth retreats.*
3. Encourage personal witness and pastoral ministries in our parish. Offer training and Eucharistic devotion.*
4. Provide orthodox Catholic teaching to everyone - apologetics and the Catholic social teachings.*

Groups 3 - Feb. 21

Group 3 did not prioritize suggestions.

Group 4 - Feb. 26

1. Needs Assessment/Marketing of what we're doing is very important.*
2. How do you develop the "hunger" for your faith? How do we find the people that are hungry?*
3. We need to reach out to parents more.*
4. How can we connect better with people's lives and in their homes?*
5. Individuals need to feel they are part of the community.*

Group 5 - Feb. 28

1. Family Catechesis (possibly on Wed. eve.)*
2. Emmaus - can be strengthened by having follow-up meetings on a weekly or monthly basis for participants to continue faith formation.*
3. Prayer in parish - strong emphasis is needed.*
4. RCIA candidates could share their journeys/possibly at Mass. *
5. Those who have completed the Lay Ministry Program could be group leaders.*
6. Adult formation - before or after mass.*

*indicates an identified priority item

R indicates suggestion was repeated

Imagining the Future

All suggestions made during the “Imagining the Future” segment of the evening have been placed into the following six categories:

1. Suggestions related to communication
2. Suggestions related to invitation and welcome
3. Suggestions related to small groups
4. Suggestions related to adults
5. Suggestions related to adolescents and young adults
6. Suggestions related to expansion/improvement of current programs

1. Suggestions related to communication

- Keep track of college students away at college.
- Make people aware of the opportunities through personal invitations and being a more welcoming community.*
- Written announcements are inadequate, verbal is better.
- Keep track of births, deaths, baptisms, etc.
- Do we know the library is here (in Conference Room)? Are people comfortable finding it? Do they know how to get here? We need more diversity in literature available.
- What are other parishes doing? Connect with them to find out what’s working. Work with them to offer programs, etc.
- Arch offices have many knowledgeable people we can take advantage of for help: family, youth, adult education.
- Advertise. Get the word out. What does our parish offer?
- Time/Talent/Treasure sheets are intimidating. What do all these groups do? We need more details. And sometimes people volunteer but nobody calls them.
- Could we have an annual “committee fair”?
- Spiritual Growth Committee has brochures for new parishioners. Could these be distributed to all parishioners?
- Create parish bulletin boards (O’Malley, gathering space, front entrance). Include welcome, brochures, parish news (births, obits, baptisms, pictures), list new parishioners (pictures).
- Put pictures of babies baptized in St. Anthony’s newsletter.
- Find out what people need. Have a day where they’re questioned, or do a survey (suggestion box). Homily about what is parish, what do we do, what is available.
- How do we communicate with people in the electronic age? This needs to be evaluated.
- Parish web site. Could post homilies on the web. [Note from facilitator: and all the other information discussed above, parish directory, e-mail bulletins (could save printing costs)...]
- What are the others doing? (Greeters)
- Needs Assessment/Marketing of what we’re doing.*RR
- How do you develop the “hunger” for your faith? (How do we find the people that are hungry?)*
- How can we connect better to people’s lives and in their homes?*
- Church night on Wednesdays - no sports or activities.

2. Suggestions related to invitation and welcome

- Community needs to invite people (suggestions: invite people to join existing faith-sharing groups, Emmaus)
- Personal outreach to “non-churched.” Give personal invitations. Ask about needs.
- Encourage people to sit in a different spot each week. Get to know people. Welcome people we don’t know.
- Invite college students (Clarke, Loras) to attend St. Anthony’s.
- Use billboards to invite folks to St. Anthony’s.
- Make people aware of the opportunities and -through personal invitations and being a more welcoming community.*R
- Encourage Personal Witness and Pastoral ministries *

*indicates an identified priority item

R indicates suggestion was repeated

- Social time (Fellowship) and study on Friday nights.
- We need a “Welcome Wagon” kind of committee. Visit new parishioners, or at least ask them when they join if they’d like to be visited.
- How do we reach out to the disabled among us?
- We could have baby-sitting available for social/spiritual events at the church.
- Encourage early arrival to mass to prepare.
- Change the mass schedule.
- Welcome strong participation. Individuals need to feel they are part of the community.*
- Welcome singles and disabled. R
- Create/expand small faith groups.*
- Link catechesis for children with catechesis for adults.*

3. Suggestions related to small groups

- Small faith-sharing groups suggestion: have sign-up sheets for small faith-sharing groups at Emmaus weekends.
- We need to discover existing small groups. Formally connect them to parish. Perhaps to divide parish into small groups (“neighborhoods”).
- Need another program like Renew.
- Create/expand small faith-sharing groups.*R
- Provide small groups for those in transition such as those recently confirmed, completed Emmaus, completed RCIA, parents whose children have just left the nest or those that recently completed youth retreats.*
- Small groups after mass or during RE.
- Social time (Fellowship) and study on Friday nights.
- Emmaus and follow up to Emmaus. R

4. Suggestions related to adults

- Adult formation - before or after mass.*RR
- Guest speakers (suggestions: inspirational, Sunday evenings, teaching, scripture-based). R
- Parish Renewal program: professional speakers - use this to lead to small group formation, and as an opportunity to ask people what they need.
- Invite whole parish to RE in-services.
- There is no felt need among most people. How do we create this? We can at least take advantage of folks with children. They feel a need to pass faith on to children, so the opportunity is there.
- Couple efforts with children with efforts for parents. (R.E. or school parents: teach about domestic church; provide speakers for parents on Wednesdays).R*
- Family Catechesis (possibly on Wed. eve.)*
- We need to reach out to parents more.*
- Wednesday catechesis for parents at same time as children. R
- Religious Education for adults (possibly with kids). R
- Adult faith sharing groups. R
- More inclusive faith-sharing groups.
- Provide orthodox Catholic teaching to everyone, children - adults.
- Invite folks to make an Emmaus weekend and follow up.*RR
- Emmaus community must reach out to others.
- Encourage Personal Witness and Pastoral ministries.*
- Can there be mid-day events for older folks who don’t like to go out after dark? These could be both social and spiritual activities.
- How do we get parents of school children to church on Sundays? Sacramental programs are critical for this. How can we use these opportunities to catechize parents?
- MOMS groups. Ecumenical, time out for moms. R
- More activities for older individuals during the week such as bridge groups or a daytime Bible study class.
- Book discussion for elderly widows.
- More facilitators for bible study are needed.
- RCIA candidates sharing their journeys/possibly at Mass. Could invite parishioners to join groups.
- Lay ministry - possibly begin new things in parish.*
- We need to have a paid staff person for adult formation and for Youth Ministry. R
- A liturgist is needed on the parish staff.

*indicates an identified priority item

R indicates suggestion was repeated

- Reintroduce adults to the meaning of the sacraments.
- Have a systematic plan of education for adults - a logical progression. R
- Liturgy– Emphasize “The Mass has just begun - now live it!” at the “end” of every mass. Educate everyone what liturgy is really about.

5. Suggestions related to adolescents and young adults

- Zero in on young adults after confirmation.
- Target young adults (18-26), young marrieds with small kids, singles.
- “We [teens] want to get involved but don’t know how. If events are organized, we will come.”
- Let youth plan some masses, or other activities. Could there be a youth mass (maybe once a month)?
- Get youth connected to elderly. They enjoy meeting shut-ins, for example, but wouldn’t do it of their own initiative.
- Could there be a Sunday night mass (even occasionally)? [See youth mass comment above.]
- Young Adult’s Forum.
- Fill the hole in the age 18-25 bracket.

6. Suggestions related to expansion/improvement of current programs

- More in depth marriage preparation.
- Invite folks to make an Emmaus weekend, and follow up.*R
- Natural Family planning witness.
- We need to get different people involved with RCIA each year.
- Distribute Lenten-like daily reading guides year-round. “Living Faith” is good.
- Provide orthodox Catholic teaching to everyone, children - adults. R
- Offer days of reflection, missions, mini-retreats for those who won't give up a weekend. R
- Reach out to struggling parishes.
- Use an icebreaker at community Sundays: give people a question or topic to discuss, or some other way to make people who don’t know others more comfortable going downstairs.
- Phoning committee—for prayer lines, not for \$.
- Parish service activities. R
- Prayer in parish - stronger emphasis*

St. Anthony Parish Catechesis Survey
Additional Information
Updated July 2010

Catechetical Ministry	Contact Person	Phone	Average Annual Participants	Number Providing Opportunity
Baptism I	Stephanie & Kyle Klapatauskas	772-8791	35	1 - 2
Baptism II	Cindy & Chuck Kutsch	583-7287	24 - 32	2
Bible Study	Sr. Nancy Miller	582-0377	35 - 40	6
Catechist Formation	Carol Witry	582-0377	25 - 35	2
Children's Initiation	Carol Witry	582-0377	0 - 4	4 - 12
Confirmation	Katie Pfiffner	582-0377	30 - 55	7 - 9
Marriage Preparation	Fr. Steve Rosonke Donna Beresford	588-0571 583-9893	20 couples	35 couples
RCIA	Sr. Nancy Miller	582-0377	3 - 5	12 - 15
Reconciliation/ Eucharist Preparation	Carol Witry	582-0377	40-60 children 80-120 adults	1 - 6
St. Anthony Religious Ed.	Carol Witry	582-0377	160 - 170	34 Catechists 11 aides Parents
St. Anthony School	Denise Grant	556-2820	162	Teachers/Staff/Parents
OLG School	Lori Apel	5564194	122	Teachers/Staff/Parents
Special Needs	Carol Witry	582-0377	15 - 20	5 - 15
Small Christian Communities	Mary Frueh Sr. Nancy Miller	556-3600 582-0377	135+	
Youth Ministry	Katie Pfiffner	582-0377	12 - 60	3 - 10
Wahlert High School	Jim Kuhl	583-9771	9 - 12 grades	Faculty Staff

ST. ANTHONY PARISH CATECHETICAL PLAN

Log of Annual Goals and Actions

2002-2003 Vision and Goals

Inspired by the baptismal catechumenate, we will facilitate others to Christ as we:

A. Lead the parish in becoming a more hospitable, inclusive community.

2. We will explore ways to become a more welcoming community, especially to those who are marginalized for any reason.

Actions completed:

1. A sign which reads "St. Anthony Church -- All Are Welcome" was posted on the fence on the corner of St. Ambrose St. and Clarke Dr.

2. Board of Education and Faith Formation members each made a consistent effort to introduce themselves and greet and welcome those who sat near them at weekend masses. This will be continued in the future.

Feast of Life
Promotions Report
April 2004

- Inserts and announcements in the parish bulletin
- Announcements in the St. Anthony's Messenger, St. Anthony's School and religious education newsletter
- Listed people from St. Anthony's in the announcements who were in the performance
- Sold CD's, Cassettes, and DVD's and videos after the Sunday Masses on Community Sunday (Sold 3 or 4 CD's and 1 VHS)
- Rides were offered to senior citizens or home bound (No one called for assistance)
- Posters were displayed on the parish grounds
- Talked to the promotions director for Feast of Life Sr. Beth Kress to see what they are doing to promote the event.

Other ideas mentioned in the brainstorming:

- Bulk mailing and RSVP (It was decided it was too expensive)
- Incorporate in to the Sunday liturgy or homilies
- Post information on St. Anthony's website
- Contact small faith sharing groups or other groups in the parish
- Incorporate the songs from the Feast of Life in to the Liturgy
- Sample performance at the liturgy

ST. ANTHONY PARISH CATECHETICAL PLAN

Log of Annual Goals and Actions 2003-2004

2003-2004 Vision and Goals

Inspired by the baptismal catechumenate, we will facilitate others to Christ as we:

- B. Encourage and facilitate the continuing conversion of all parishioners.
 - 1. Create/expand small faith groups, especially for those in transition.
 - 2. Develop/promote adult faith formation opportunities.

Actions completed:

The Board of Education and Faith Formation participated in an inservice session on faith sharing presented by Sr. Marci Blum of the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life and Adult Formation.

The Board of Education and Faith Formation surveyed all parish council committees to determine current prayer/reflection/faith sharing practices.

The Board of Education and Faith Formation sent a letter to each parish committee inviting and encouraging the inclusion of 15-20 minutes of prayer, reflection and faith sharing at each parish committee meeting.

The Board of Education and Faith Formation developed a process for including prayer and faith sharing at every parish meeting. A presentation on the importance and implementation of prayer, reflection and faith sharing was given at parish committee meetings.

The Small Faith Sharing Group Core Committee offered an evening for members of existing faith sharing groups to offer support and affirmation. Speaker for the evening was Sr. Marci Blum of the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life and Adult Formation.

Members of the Board of Education and Faith Formation participated in the "Becoming An Adult Faith Leader For Our Parish" workshop offered by the Archdiocesan Office of Adult Faith Formation on October 30, 2003.

The Board of Education and Faith Formation heavily promoted the Feast of Life. (See Feast of Life Promotions Report.)

The Board of Education and Faith Formation participated in inservice on an aspect of adult formation by discussing "Nurturing Adult Faith" at each meeting.

Education and Faith Formation Committee Annual Log of Goals and Actions for 2004-2005

A2 Explore ways to become a more welcoming community, especially to those who are marginalized for any reason.

- a. We will continue to intentionally introduce ourselves by name to those sitting near us at mass on Sunday.
 - ◇ At the October and March Education and Faith Formation Committee meeting we will share our experience of introducing ourselves by name at Sunday mass. **(Completed)**
- b. We will encourage all parish committee members to introduce themselves by name at mass on Sunday.
 - ◇ By a letter we will invite and encourage parish committee members to introduce themselves by name at Sunday mass. **(Completed)**
 - ◇ We will do follow-up phone calls to committee chairs in February to remind and affirm committee members in the practice of introducing themselves by name at Sunday mass. **(Completed)**
 - ◇ We will seek to include in the opening announcements at Sunday mass the phrase, "Please exchange names with those around you even if you already know them." **(Completed, but chose to discontinue in April.)**
- c. We will advocate a special welcome to the deaf community by the parish at the beginning of mass.
 - ◇ We will communicate with the liturgy committee regarding the inclusion of a special welcome to the deaf community in the commentators remarks at the beginning of the 11:00 mass on the third Sunday of the month. This welcome will include:
 1. Reading a welcome statement: "At this mass we extend a special welcome to the deaf community."
 2. Instructing the assembly on the sign for "Welcome" and implementing its use when the commentator extends the welcome to the deaf community.
 3. Encouraging the assembly to participate in signing. **(Completed)**

B1 Create/expand small faith sharing groups, especially for those in transition.

- a. We will continue to provide affirmation and support to existing small faith sharing groups.
 - ◇ A letter of affirmation and appreciation from the Education and Faith Formation Committee to existing small faith communities will be read at the 9/26/04 gathering of small faith communities. **(Completed)**
- b. We will continue to provide support and encouragement to every parish committee as they include prayer and faith sharing at every meeting.
 - ◇ We will provide an updated "Prayer, Reflection & Faith Sharing at Parish Gatherings" brochure to members of parish committees as needed. **(Completed)**
 - ◇ We will send a letter to each parish committee offering encouragement and affirmation of their efforts to make prayer and faith sharing a significant part of each of their meetings. **(Completed)**
- c. We will collaborate with the Spiritual Growth committee and the Director of Adult Faith Formation in supporting existing small faith sharing groups and in promoting the creation of new small faith sharing groups. **(Completed)**

B3 We will encourage personal witness by all parishioners.

- a. We will prepare parishioners to better express their faith by promoting one tri-state area adult faith formation opportunity.
 - ◇ We will promote the reading of Thomas Groome's *What Makes Us Catholic* and the conversation evenings and other activities which offer opportunities to further process and explore the themes of the book. **(Promotion for the first of the 3 conversation evenings was done. The remaining evenings were not heavily promoted.)**
- b. We will promote "ALPHA".
 - ◇ We will develop a plan for promoting "ALPHA". **(Some promotion completed before Alpha began.)**

Education and Faith Formation Committee Annual Log of Goals and Actions for 2005-2006

B1 Create/expand small faith sharing groups, especially for those in transition.

- a. We will continue to provide support and encouragement to every parish committee as they include prayer and faith sharing at every meeting.
 - ◊ We will provide an updated "Prayer, Reflection & Faith Sharing at Parish Gatherings" brochure to all members of parish committees accompanied by a letter offering encouragement and affirmation of their efforts to make prayer and faith sharing a significant part of each of their meetings. **(Completed)**

- b. We will collaborate with the Small Christian Core Committee in supporting existing small faith sharing groups and in promoting the creation of new small faith sharing groups.
 - ◊ We will provide resources for new and existing small faith sharing groups. **(Completed)**
 - ◊ We will offer a large group gathering for small faith sharing groups to provide affirmation and support. **(Completed)**

C2 We will explore and promote intergenerational faith formation opportunities.

- a. We will participate in inservice on Whole Community Catechesis and the Generations of Faith program at each meeting.
 - ◊ EFF Committee members will study Bill Huebsch's Principles for Whole Community Catechesis. **(Completed)**
 - ◊ E&FF Committee members will study and discuss articles and a video on the purpose and content of the Generations of Faith program. **(Completed)**

- b. In addition to staff, two members of the Education and Faith Formation committee will participate in the final Generations of Faith training. **(Completed)**

- c. We will develop & implement a plan to introduce and communicate about Generations of Faith to the parish.
 - ◊ We will identify & select multiple forums for cultivating interest in and communicating about Generations of Faith. **(Completed)**
 - ◊ We will introduce the Generations of Faith vision and features to every parish committee. **(7 completed)**

B3 We will encourage personal witness by all parishioners.

- a. We will prepare parishioners to better express their faith by promoting one tri-state area adult faith formation opportunity.
 - ◊ We will promote participation in the Archdiocesan Lay Ministry Formation program which will begin in Dubuque in fall 2006. **(Completed)**

A1 We will market existing faith formation opportunities.

- a. We will prepare parishioners to better express their faith by promoting one tri-state area adult faith formation opportunity.
 - ◊ We will promote participation in the Archdiocesan Lay Ministry Formation program which will begin in Dubuque in fall 2006. **(Completed)**

Additional suggestions from the Small Christian Community Core Group:

- a. We will provide and facilitate the use of name badges for greeters. **(Not Completed)**
- b. We will promote and facilitate the use of name tags at Community Sunday gatherings. **(Not Completed)**
- c. We will explore posting a sign with mass times. **(Completed - an ad hoc committee has been formed.)**

**Education and Faith Formation Committee
Annual Log of Goals and Actions
2006-07**

C1. We will provide resources to support and affirm family life as the center of faith formation for children.

C2. We will explore and promote intergenerational faith formation opportunities.

a. We will participate in the development and implementation of Generations of Faith.

◇ We will participate in a brainstorming session at our August E&FF meeting to surface suggestions/recommendations for content and activities for the Advent Generations of Faith Gathering. **(Completed)**

◇ We will participate in a brainstorming session at our December E&FF meeting to surface suggestions/recommendations for content and activities for the Lent Generations of Faith Gathering. **(Completed)**

◇ In collaboration with the Generations of Faith core team publicity chair, we will be responsible for all aspects of promotion for the Advent and Lent Generations of Faith gatherings. **(Completed)**

◇ We will host and provide hospitality (welcoming, snacks, ?) at the September 26 and the Lent Generations of Faith informational meetings. **(Completed)**

b. We will participate in the Advent and Lent Generations of Faith gatherings. **(Completed)**

c. We will participate in inservice on lifelong faith formation at each of our monthly E&FF Committee meetings. **(Completed)**

A2 We will explore ways to become a more welcoming community, especially to those who are marginalized for any reason.

a. We will provide resources and support for the design and implementation of a city-wide young adult faith formation initiative.

◇ We will communicate with and support a parish representative to serve on the city-wide young adult ministry committee. **(Completed)**

◇ We will keep abreast of developments of the city-wide young adult faith formation initiative through our parish representative. **(Completed)**

◇ We will provide resources as we are able for the city-wide young adult faith formation initiative. **(Completed)**

b. We will explore ways to become a more welcoming community to those who are inactive in our parish.

◇ We will recruit and support an ad hoc committee to identify and respond to the needs of inactive parish members. **(Not Completed)**

B1 Create/expand small faith sharing groups, especially for those in transition.

a. We will continue to provide support and encouragement to every parish committee as they include prayer and faith sharing at every meeting.

◇ We will provide an updated "Prayer, Reflection & Faith Sharing at Parish Gatherings" brochure to all members of parish committees accompanied by a letter offering encouragement and affirmation of their efforts to make prayer and faith sharing a significant part of each of their meetings. **(Not Completed)**

b. We will collaborate with the Small Christian Core Committee in supporting existing small faith sharing groups and in promoting the creation of new small faith sharing groups.

◇ We will provide resources for new and existing small faith sharing groups. **(Completed)**

◇ We will offer a large group gathering for small faith sharing groups to provide affirmation and support. **(Completed)**

**Education and Faith Formation Committee
Annual Log of Goals, Objectives, Actions
2007-08**

A2 We will explore ways to become a more welcoming community, especially to those who are marginalized for any reason.

- a. We will explore ways to become more welcoming to the young adults of our community.
- We will promote Theology On Tap gatherings to the young adults of our parish. **(Completed)**
 - We will participate in the October 30 evening presentation at Loras College by Fr. John Cusick entitled "The Role of Young Adults in the Modern Church". **(Completed)**
 - We will recruit parishioners to attend the October 30 evening presentation at Loras College by Fr. John Cusick entitled "The Role of Young Adults in the Modern Church". **(Completed)**

C1. We will provide resources to support and affirm family life as the center of faith formation for children.

C2. We will explore and promote intergenerational faith formation opportunities.

- a. We will promote and invite participation in Generations of Faith.
- We will develop and implement a marketing plan for the GOF gatherings. **(Did not complete a new plan. Used model from 06-07)**
 - We will identify and make use of the gifts and talents of E&FF members to implement the marketing plan. **(Completed)**
- b. We will act as consultants in the design of the GOF gatherings.
- We will participate in discussion to surface felt needs and concerns of parishioners in the area of prayer. **(Completed)**
 - We will review and recommend GOF program proposals. **(Not completed for all program aspects.)**
 - We will evaluate each GOF gathering and make recommendations for future gatherings. **(Completed)**
- c. We will participate in the two 2007-08 Generations of Faith gatherings. **(Completed)**
- d. We will participate in inservice on lifelong faith formation at each of our monthly E&FF Committee meetings. **(Completed)**

B1 Create/expand small faith sharing groups, especially for those in transition.

- a. We will continue to provide support and encouragement to every parish committee as they include prayer and faith sharing at every meeting.
- We will contact committee chairs to inquire about how faith sharing is being incorporated in their meetings and to offer our support and assistance. **(Completed)**
 - We will provide an updated "Prayer, Reflection & Faith Sharing at Parish Gatherings" brochure to all members of parish committees accompanied by a letter offering encouragement and affirmation of their efforts to make prayer and faith sharing a significant part of each of their meetings. **(Completed)**
- b. We will develop and implement a "small faith sharing group response" to the pastoral needs of groups in the parish who have life circumstances or needs in common.
- We will help identify the groups who have life circumstances or needs in common and select 3 of these groups to be the focus of our efforts. **(Completed)**
 - We will identify the needs of each targeted group. **(Completed)**
 - We will identify possible participants for each targeted group. **(Completed)**
 - We will find and/or develop resources that respond to the needs of each targeted group. **(Completed)**

St. Anthony Education and Faith Formation Committee
Annual Log of Goals, Objectives, Actions
2008-09

GOAL C2

- C. Link catechesis for children and youth with catechesis for adults.
- 2. We will explore and promote intergenerational faith formation opportunities.

a. We will implement "Question of the Week".

- Communicate with Fr. Dan and the Liturgy Committee with a proposal to have the commentator read the announcements at the end of the mass. Following the announcements, Fr. Dan would say something like the following: "Remembering that it is within our households that our faith is nurtured and lived and remembering that we are committed to life-long faith formation, we are all called to share our faith with one another. Don't forget to discuss the "Question of the Week" when you gather for meals."
- Communicate with Fr. Dan about possible references to the "Question of the Week" in the homily.
- Communicate with all parish committees, especially the Pastoral Council about "Question of the Week" and our rationale for instituting it.
- Communicate with Fr. Dan and the Liturgy Committee about a brief presentation at mass to introduce the "Question of the Week" concept to the parish on the weekend it begins.
- Introduce "Question of the Week" to the parish via the Voice of St. Anthony and bulletin announcements.
- Develop the "Question of the Week" for each week.
- Place "Question of the Week" in bulletin each week.
- Post "Question of the Week" in the following locations: glass display case in vestibule, gathering space, Conference Room, sacristy, school, youth room, Kutsch Room for Children's Liturgy of the Word, R.E. Office, R.E. catechist newsletters, St. Anthony web site
- Communicate with CLW prayer leaders asking them to include the "Question of the Week" in their reflections with the children.
- Include a "Question of the Week" reference in the questions for sharing in the Faith Sharing brochure used in all parish committee meetings.
- If it proves effective, develop a plan for sustaining the practice of promoting and using "Question of the Week" in the parish in future years.

GOAL C2 Year-end Review

It was decided that Question of the Week would be best implemented and embraced by parishioners with Fr. Dan's presence and participation. Therefore, full implementation of Question of the Week was postponed until next year (2009-2010) when Fr. Dan will be returned from his sabbatical. During this year (2008-2009), the process for selection of the Question of the Week was practiced and refined monthly by EFFC members.

Each month a 3-person group of EFFC members reviewed all resources and selected two or three possible Questions of the Week for the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. These were presented to the full EFFC at each regular monthly meeting. At each meeting the EFFC acted as the proposed small group who will (1) do faith sharing with the homilist on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday and (2) select the Question of the Week which will be included in the homily, stated at the close of the mass and appear on the bulletin cover.

GOAL C1 & 2

- C. Link catechesis for children and youth with catechesis for adults.
- 1. Provide resources to support and affirm family life as the center of faith formation for children.
- 2. Explore and promote intergenerational faith formation opportunities.

a. We will promote and invite participation in the Generations of Faith gatherings.

- Invite participation through phone calling.
- Participate in the two 2008-09 Generations of Faith gatherings.
- Evaluate each GOF gathering and make recommendations for future gatherings
- Review and recommend GOF program proposals.
- Participate in inservice on lifelong faith formation at each of our monthly E&FF Committee meetings

GOAL C1 & 2 Year-end Review - Goal and actions completed

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Goal B1

- B. Encourage and facilitate the continuing conversion of all parishioners.
 - 1. Create/expand small faith sharing groups, especially for those in transition.

a. We will continue to provide support and encouragement to every parish committee as they include prayer and faith sharing at every meeting.

- Send a letter offering encouragement and affirmation of each committee's efforts to make prayer and faith sharing a significant part of each of their meetings. Include in the letter information about "Question of the Week" and the updated faith sharing brochure (includes "Question of the Week" reference).

b. We will continue to support the work of the Small Christian Community Core Committee.

- Attend the evening for small Christian community members offered by the Core Committee on February 15, 2009.

Goal B1 2 Year-end Review

We attended a very successful evening for small Christian community members offered by the Core Committee on February 15, 2009.

Because the implementation of Question of the Week was postponed, the letter to parish committees and updated faith sharing brochure which includes a Question of the Week reference was also postponed.

St. Anthony Faith Formation Commission
Annual Log of Goals, Objectives, Actions - 2009-10

GOAL C2

- C. Link catechesis for children and youth with catechesis for adults.
2. We will explore and promote intergenerational faith formation opportunities.

- a. We will implement "Question of the Week" throughout the parish.
- Communicate with the Liturgy Committee to review the "Question of the Week" concept and the proposal to have the commentator read the announcements at the end of the mass followed by the presider who restates the "Question of the Week" and encourages all to reflect on the question with their households & other parish groups. **(Completed)**
 - Communicate with all parish committees, especially the Pastoral Council about "Question of the Week" and our rationale for instituting it. **(Completed)**
 - Develop a plan to market and explain the concept of "Question of the Week" to parishioners. **(Completed)**
 - Using the process that has been developed, generate 1 or 2 possible "Questions of the Week" for each week and communicate them to the small group who will gather with the homilist each week. **(Completed)**
 - Develop a plan for a weekly gathering of a small group composed of the homilist (for the upcoming weekend) and parishioners. This group will participate in faith sharing on the Gospel for the upcoming weekend and will select and hone the "Question of the Week". **(Completed)**
 - Develop a plan for publicizing the "Question of the Week" on the bulletin cover & parish web site. **(Completed)**
 - Develop a plan to integrate the use of the "Question of the Week" at all gatherings in the parish. **(Completed)**
 - Develop a plan for sustaining the promotion and use of "Question of the Week" in the parish in the future. **(Not Completed)**

GOAL C1 & 2

- C. Link catechesis for children and youth with catechesis for adults.
1. Provide resources to support and affirm family life as the center of faith formation for children.
2. Explore and promote intergenerational faith formation opportunities.

- a. We will promote and invite participation in the Generations of Faith gatherings.
- Invite participation through phone calling for the fall and spring GOF gatherings. **(Completed)**
 - Participate in the two 2009-10 Generations of Faith gatherings. **(Completed)**
 - Evaluate each GOF gathering and make recommendations for future gatherings. **(Completed)**
 - Review and recommend GOF program proposals. **(Completed)**
 - Participate in inservice on lifelong faith formation at each of our monthly E&FF Committee meetings **(Completed)**
 - At the October and February EFFC meetings each EFFC member will share the names of 5 people who they will personally invite to GOF. **(Completed)**
 - At the November and March EFFC meetings each EFFC member will share the outcome of their invitations to 5 people to participate in the upcoming GOF. **(Completed)**

Goal B1

- B. Encourage and facilitate the continuing conversion of all parishioners.
1. Create/expand small faith sharing groups, especially for those in transition.

- a. We will continue to provide support and encouragement to every parish committee as they include prayer and faith sharing at every meeting.
- Send a letter offering encouragement and affirmation of each committee's efforts to make prayer and faith sharing a significant part of each of their meetings. Include in the letter information about "Question of the Week" and the updated faith sharing brochure (includes "Question of the Week" reference). **(Not Completed)**
- b. We will continue to support the work of the Small Christian Community Core Committee.
- Attend the evening for small Christian community members offered by the Core Committee. **(Completed)**
 - Make the updated faith sharing brochure available to all faith sharing groups in the parish. **(Completed)**