

Catholic Education/Formation Committee (CFC)

Minute Summary of the 12 September 2017 Meeting

01. The Prayer Commemorated the 23 Week of Ordinal Time

02. Regarding the US Bishops publication, *Creating a Young Adult Responsive Church*, noted is that a sociological shift has occurred in how young adults connect less with common organizations and institutions, civil (Rotary, Lions), and Church as its organizations (Knights of Columbus, Ladies Councils in parishes and the like). Perhaps said have lost their charismas or the focus of an organization been fulfilled or picked up by contemporary responses? Second, do the consequences of the dissolution of the traditional family over the last twenty-five years affect organizations and institutions? Third, our culture is moving more and more into personal self-gratification, quick feedback with no time for reflection and processing information regarding relationships. Is there a tendency to connect with technology that is impersonal and not from service and or community which are the foci of family and Church? Fourth, today, connections with organizations and institutions open with not marriage but when children are born. Fifth, a greater number of young adults do not see marriage as a vocation and this may be healthy rather than being 'culturally forced' to marry when one is not called to this vocation. Sixth, then, how does a parish respond to young adults?

03. The traditional diocesan Lenten mite boxes for fifty-plus years have been dedicated to the support to the diocesan parish in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The parish is able to support itself at this time and the Diocese of LaCrosse is no longer supporting the parish. Thus the need to adapt the focus of the mite box tradition in the diocese.

04. Project Milk is a work of the diocesan Rural Life Committee. Funds are collected to purchase milk that is processed in the diocese for the diocesan orphanage, Casa Hogar, in Lurin; it costs \$85 to process and ship one bag. Casa Hogar also trades the powered milk for orphanage supplies. When funding reaches a prescribed goal, the process is engaged. The suggestion of the membership is to organize Project Milk as a parish project of social concern for the common good during Lent.

05. Topic Evenings per the New Catechetical Text. The materials for the title, *Judging Others and Acceptance* is being proof read.

06. The catechists have been called for grades 1-9 and the immediate preparation for the celebration for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Second, 38 young people from the local parishes participated in NCIS (Neighborhood Catholics in Service).

07. Newman Catholic Schools/NCS: Saint Mark has 137 students enrolled is 137 students. The second phase of the playground update has been completed at \$39,500 (First Phase, \$18,250) raised within Newman Catholic Schools: Saint Mark.

08. NCS Education Commission Meeting. AdvanceEd, the accreditation agency requested the NCS update/rewrite their strategic plan that is to be reviewed annually.

09. Gathering of Young Married Couples. The membership is aware that there is a need to gather with young married couples that have joined the parish.

10. Nancy Robinson who has served on the committee for fifteen years has elected to step from the committee. The committee can use three members.

11. Meeting Schedule 2017-2018: 12 September, 10 October, 14 November, 09 January, 13 February, 13 March, 10 April, 8 May, 12 June.