

Retreat Planning with Fr. Cover 1/22/2018 - Minutes

Attending: Fr. Cover, Dave James, Ted Burkhardt, Barb Dorsey, Lizanne Kile, Linda Gasch

Note: *Every Monday evening from January 29th through May 14th between 7:30 pm and 8:00 pm we will have a recurring conference call to discuss status/progress. Ted is the conference call coordinator. A meeting request has been sent out to put this on our calendars. In the event you haven't received it, the information is below.*

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Planning:

Dave will be the principal person in charge of planning and promotion supported by Lizanne.

The Goal:

To develop more deeply the spiritual life of the of the St. Michael's faith community and actively engage the community in the transforming work of the Spirit to live as missionary disciples in the 21st century.

This effort will be viewed as: 100 Days of Spiritual *Formation, Transformation, and Proclamation.*

Promotion:

The goal needs to be promoted regularly.

2/4/2018: Introduce the retreat program *To Live as Missionary Disciples of Christ in the 21st Century*, its goal and dates. We will need to check with the Liturgy Committee and Fr. Mike to verify we can give a brief presentation of this at each Mass. There will also be a write-up in the bulletin for this weekend.

2/11/2018: Save the dates announcement at Mass probably regular announcements made by the celebrant at the close of each Mass. Another write-up in the bulletin for this weekend.

Fr. Cover will provide a brief biography for promotion.

Outlets for promotion discussed include:

- Catholic Review – Provide an article tied to our 3-step approach with this “100 days” retreat. Lizanne has primary responsibility for this with input from the rest of the committee.
- Local Newspapers – Lizanne to work with Nancy McLaughlin (our parish secretary)
- Website – Nancy McLaughlin (Ted, Dave and Lizanne to coordinate)
- Parish Bulletin – Lizanne to coordinate messaging. Ted to coordinate bulletin section for weekly highlights, quotes, witnesses, etc.
- Flyers – Lizanne
- Prayer Card on Becoming Missionary Disciples. We should have different ones for each of the 3 retreats. – The Team, maybe Linda taking lead.
- Art Exhibit throughout the parish depicting manifestations of being a disciple of Christ - Barb
- Bumper Stickers
- Coordinate the bulletin column/space for Missionary Discipleship - Ted
- Conference call 1/29th at 7:30 pm

Article:

Everyone on the committee should write a paragraph or article on what it means to live as a missionary disciple. No more than a page. (1) To live as an action item (the activity) and (2) a matter of being. The doing and the being. This is due by 2/4/2018. Fr. Cover will have his article done by 1/29/2018.

Others will be invited to participate in writing an article as well. These included: catechists, liturgical ministers, youth ministry team, women’s group, prayer groups, youth, peer ministers, Deacons, Priests, etc. Ted will request this of these groups.

Dates and Subtexts:

Decision on subtexts due by 1/29. We need to decide if we will also have an afternoon session.

Fr. Cover will provide an outline of the Lenten retreat in February.

Ted to check Fellowship Hall for availability Tuesday afternoon and reserve.

Ted to also reserve the multi-purpose room in case we need to move down there due to number of attendees.

Barb to check with Fr. Mike about need for Mass coverage 10:30/Noon Masses on retreat Sundays.

Lent – March 10, 11, 13

- Taking up the Cross Daily and Following Me
- Entering Through the Narrow Gate That Leads to Life
- **What do You Want? What Does God Want? Decided**

Easter – April 21, 22, 24

- It is No Longer I Who Live
- I am the Resurrection and the Life
- Christ in Me, The Hope of Glory
- Because I Live, You Shall Live

Pentecost – May 19, 20, 22

- Giving Your Life Away in Love
- Empowered to Renew the Life of the World
- Bearing Witness to the Resurrection
- As the Father has Sent Me I am Sending You
- Sharing Christ's Love with Others
- Loving Other to Christ
- Bearing Witness to the Inner Life of the Holy Spirit
- Bearing Witness to the Inner Power of the Holy Spirit
- **Empowered by the Spirit of Love I believe we were all in favor of this. Not sure if it was fully decided.**

Continuity:

Prayer Groups - Team to develop a group (Let's Name drop brainstorm a list of those we can invite) to pray for the long-term efficacy of the retreat.

Prayer of the Faithful - Father Mike writes the prayers of the faithful. Barb will get the more recent prayers of the faithful from Father Mike to send to Father Cover. Father Cover will produce a prayer to be included which will align with Father Mike's style.

Mass Intention - Incorporate the Retreat into the Mass intentions on a rotating basis. (Clarification needed and designate task)

Create a Missionary Disciples of Christ Day. Select a day where parishioners would receive an email with a quote from Fr Richard Rohr or other spiritual teacher including a reflection question for their prayerful consideration. This would also be incorporated on the website and bulletin. Dave and Fr. Cover will work together to produce the messaging

Mass Sharing – Ask some who have attended the retreat if they would be willing to share their positive experience of the retreat with the parish after Mass for a few minutes. This would also be an opportunity for them to invite parishioners to the next retreat.

Provide an area on the website tied to the retreat which will contain the presentations (document as well as audio clip)

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