## Stella Maris Faith Formation Minutes Oct. 19, 2016

Attending- Mark Kunstman, Sharon Brabson, Jim Stollenwerk Jan Liss.

Mark opened with prayer

## Adult Faith Formation Update/Review

**A Walk with Our Blessed Mother**- Van Vorous' are hosting a small group and Linda Cummer is leading it after reworking the study as participant guides were too expensive. The LeVoy's decided not to do this small group due to price of participant guides. A Families of Faith small group has not been started.

Meeting Christ in Prayer- Plan to run another session in January and then again next summer.

Advent Small Groups- After discussion on different studies, decided to order a copy of "Advent Conspiracy" to review. This is a 4 session DVD non-traditional study about avoiding the consumer approach to Christmas costing 29.95 for a DVD and a book and then participant guides can be purchased on Amazon costing 3.99 for gently used, 6.99 for kindle copy and 9.95 for the paper book. Mary Kate McCormack (Fish Creek) has offered to lead a study. Sharon (Egg Harbor), Van Vorous' (Sister Bay), Kunstman's (Sister Bay) and Levoy's (Ellison Bay) are other likely leaders. Mark will check in with Van Vorous' and Levoy's and Sharon will check in with Mary Kate and also Heather Anderson (does she want to work with Mary Kate?)

Promo will be as follows:

- Sharon will include the study in the Nov. 5/6 FF bulletin article.
- Mark will have fliers in pews on Nov 5/6 and will submit a brief general announcement for the bulletin in Nov.
- Jan will submit announcements for Nov. 6 and Nov. 20

Mark will develop a timeline template to use for promo of the various studies and activities we promote.

**CRHP-** Sharon reported there are 8 women planning to attend this year's retreat. All attendees from last year are participating this year!

**Book Club-** Jim reported the group has read 15 books since their inception and these have been placed the parish web site under the news tab.

**Men's FF**- 28 attended the Oct 5 evening pizza and beer event facilitated by the founders of Street Life Ministries; 4 were new. They will plan another reflection day in spring.

Women's FF- 23 is signed up to attend the Oct 21 day-long retreat

Annual calendar- attached

FF committee membership- Heather Anderson and Marth Newkirk were suggested to ask to join our committee

Mark reminded us to give him a copy of any expenses incurred, in addition to giving them to Jim in the office.

Discussed other ways of providing faith formation to parishioners. Ideas shared are including other resources (Abbey, Diocese events, Passion Play etc) regularly in the bulletin and announcements and that offering carpooling and even a bus as needed, may promote more participation. It may be good to include outside resources in the meeting agendas.

## Youth Faith Formation Update/Review

Mettie Spiess spoke to the middle school students on depression and suicide prevention. Darrell and Mettie Lautenbach donated the cost of the student books.

A few families have not returning to the program this year; Linda asked the parents to consider speaking with some of these families to encourage them to return.

Linda is encouraging families to sign up as greeters at mass, to provide snacks and to submit faith stories. Families of faith meeting is Nov 9 at 5PM.

Next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 16 10AM-12 noon Meeting closed with prayer. Submitted by Jan Liss