

FORMATION AND EDUCATION COMMISSION AREAS OF CONCERN

All Commissions:

- collaborate with Pastoral Council, other Commissions and subcommittees to accomplish annual plan
- have an annual schedule that includes, in part, commission participation in the parish annual plan
- establish ministry area vision and evaluate it annually
- keep abreast of trends affecting ministry area(s)
- have a staff resource who is a member of the commission
- have a basic training component, which is the Training Manual.
- have specific training and knowledge base – examples are Catholic Church documents, parish policy, compendium of best practices.
- develop performance standards and tangible criteria for success to evaluate efforts.
- Maintain and improve communication goals and practices for effective intra-parish collaboration
- evaluate commission direction in light of Archdiocesan strategic plan
- evaluate sharing resources with other ministries/parishes where possible
- submit summary of ministry area outcomes for inclusion in Annual Report to parish.

WANTED: People to discuss Faith Formation and the School.

Formation and Education additionally is concerned with:

- Official documents and guidelines of Catholic Faith Formation curriculum - ongoing
- Spiritual growth of students and families
- Finding areas for collaboration and resource sharing between School and Faith Formation.
- Evaluating Faith Formation curriculum.
- Fostering faith growth at an early age.
- Continuity in faith formation from baptism and on.
- Continuity of School to Confirmation program
- Sacramental Preparation.
- Working together to strengthen parent and family formation
- Fostering appreciation for liturgy
- Stewardship
- Cross-generational programs and events
- Furnishing prayer resources to families in programs.
- Facilitating parents to be primary educators/best practices.
- Technology in the classroom.
- Catechist Training
- Catechist Retreat
- Protecting God's Children
- Auction for Education