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Commission on Education Report

February 26, 2026 Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting

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1. Faith Formation Program / Religious Education (CCD and Confirmation)

- **November 2, 2025:** The Faith Formation Program held its annual All Saints Costume and Parade celebration after the 12:30 PM Mass. Students, parents, and catechists came dressed as their favorite saints.
- **November 9, 2025:** The parish community celebrated the Rite of Recognition for our Confirmation Candidates at the 12:30 PM Mass.
- **November 13 and 15, 2025:** Parents and guardians of Faith Formation students participated in their second Ongoing Adult Faith Formation session. This year's sessions use *Alpha for Catholics*, which is a parish evangelization tool.
- **December 4, 2025:** CCD students in Grades 3 through 6 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation during their class time.
- **December 10 and 11, 2025:** First and second year Confirmation students received their Advent Confession during class. We extend our gratitude to our priests for offering this Sacrament to the students.
- **December 14 through 23, 2025:** CCD and Confirmation students, parents, and catechists sponsored the Simbang Gabi Masses. Selected students shared reflections with the parish community at these celebrations. Confirmation students also served during the fellowship events immediately following the Masses.
- **December 24, 2025:** Volunteer students from the CCD and Confirmation programs participated in the Christmas Pageant at the 8:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass, beautifully reenacting the birth of Jesus.
- **January 17 and 18, 2026:** Faith Formation Program catechists held their annual Rummage Sale, raising over \$6,000. Proceeds help cover the cost of sending catechists to the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, CA.
- **January 22 and 24, 2026:** Parents and guardians attended their third Ongoing Adult Faith Formation session, continuing with the *Alpha for Catholics* series.
- **January 24, 2026:** Several Faith Formation Program families participated in West Coast Walk for Life events in San Francisco.
- **February 7, 2026:** For the second consecutive year, the Faith Formation Program held its Healthy Kids Fun Run fundraiser after the 9:00 AM Mass, raising over \$40,000 – surpassing last year's total.

- **February 7 and 8, 2026:** First Year Confirmation students participated in their retreat in the Parish Hall. Many thanks to the Youth Ministry and youth leaders for facilitating the activities.
- **February 19 through 22, 2026:** Many catechists attended the annual Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, celebrating its 70th anniversary under the theme “Wrapped in Mercy; Hope Renewed.” Highlights can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/recongress>

2. Small Christian Communities (SCC)

- The various groups continue their weekly meetings using a lectionary-based program.

3. Pre-baptismal Catechesis: We welcomed / will welcome to the Catholic faith the following:

- **January 10:** Adelina Sanchez
- **January 18:** Rochel Conclara
- **January 24:** Ysabella Patrice Mendoza, Alana O’Sullivan, Alessie Sto. Domingo
- **February 1:** Runi Gerel Gonzales
- **February 14:** Mya Rose Alminiana, Philippe Bautista, Athena Jane Paule
- **February 15:** Grady Labian, Eliana Massey-Cabales

4. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Marriage Preparation

- Please refer to the report provided by Deacon Nestor L. Fernandez, II.

SAYG and YA Report November 2025 to February 2026

November

- Planning for both the First and Second Year Retreat Teams have been meeting every week to plan for the upcoming retreats next year.
- The Monthly Youth and Young Adult Holy Hour will be held on November 19th, celebrated by Fr. Ifaeanyichukwu Henry Uwabunkeonye
- St. Augustine Youth group meetings (SAYG) have started the same week as SALT meetings from 3:30-5pm and are led by the leaders of our SALT group.
- The Service and Leadership Team (SALT) meetings were on the 16th and 30th of the month to discuss plans for events and youth group meetings.

December

- Planning for both the First and Second Year Retreat Teams have been meeting every week to plan for the upcoming retreats next year.
- The Monthly Holy Hour was not celebrated due to Simbang Gabi
- St. Augustine Youth group meetings (SAYG) have started the same week as SALT meetings from 3:30-5pm and are led by the leaders of our SALT group. One of the youth group meetings was a social event to celebrate the time of the birth of Jesus Christ and the community we have built in SAYG this year.
- The Service and Leadership Team (SALT) meetings were on the 14th and 21st of the month to discuss plans for events and youth group meetings.
- All faith formation classes participated in Simbang Gabi: in addition to attending, some served during mass or during Simbang Gabi fellowship.

January

- Planning for both the First and Second Year Retreat Teams have been meeting every week to plan for the upcoming retreats next year.
- The Monthly Youth and Young Adult Holy Hour will be held on January 21st, celebrated by Deacon Virgil.
- St. Augustine Youth group meetings (SAYG) have started the same week as SALT meetings from 3:30-5pm and are led by the leaders of our SALT group.
- The Service and Leadership Team (SALT) meetings were on the 11th and 18th of the month to discuss plans for events and youth group meetings.

February

- Planning for both the First and Second Year Retreat Teams have been meeting every week to plan for the upcoming retreats next year.
- The Monthly Holy Hour was not celebrated due to Ash Wednesday, with many of our youth attended: in addition to attending, some served during mass.
- St. Augustine Youth group meetings (SAYG) have started the same week as SALT meetings from 3:30-5pm and are led by the leaders of our SALT group who were also the directors of 1st Year Confirmation Retreat.
- The Service and Leadership Team (SALT) meetings were on the 15th and 22th of the month to discuss plans for events and youth group meetings.
- The 1st Year Confirmation Retreat was on February 7th-8th.
 - Our Retreat Team helped guide the Thirty-seven 1st year Confirmation Students on their faith journey. Our dedicated young leaders and chaperones created a faithful experience to lead the students for their Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027 with teaching topics of agape, discipleship, relationships in faith, God shaping us to be who we are, growth in our community and sharing the experience of those already confirmed. Through these topics, activities and community, we pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the 1st Year Confirmation Students, not only through Confirmation, but forever in their faith journeys

Upcoming:

- Yearly SAYG Banquet to end off the School Year of 2025-2026
- Summer SALT Team with more socials and activities for the Summer
- 2nd Year Confirmation Retreat (March 6-8)
- Graduation Mass TBD May 2026

Ecology Committee

December:

- EC did some preventative maintenance of the storm drains on the church campus ahead of winter rain.
- EC had a lunch-and-learn with parishioner Peter Kenmore. Peter is a retired agriculturist/entomologist/ecologist for the United Nations and has begun advising the group on how we might implement some thoughtful and sustainable ecology practices in the parish.
- EC successfully provided waste support for all Simbang Gabi receptions (both morning and night) for 9 days. The group hosted volunteers from Confirmation 1 & 2 and provided stewardship hours for their time and service bussing tables and sorting waste. EC recruited two new members during Simbang Gabi, Peter Kenmore and Gabriel Ignacio.

January:

- EC met with Fr. Ray via Zoom on January 11. The meeting focused on preparations for the 800th death anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi in 2026, emphasizing themes of renewal, care for creation, and compassion for the poor. The ECs successful waste management during Simbang Gabi events was discussed, with the group analyzing feedback and improvements needed for better communication and systems. The team explored ways to integrate ecological themes into parish activities, discussed waste management strategies, and planned future initiatives to promote environmental awareness and care for creation.

February:

- EC met to discuss Fr. Ray's special project, an instrument recycling drive, to benefit the Sta. Monica Brass Band. The instrument drive will allow local families to purge gently used, but no longer played, instruments from their garages and attics, so that we may gift them to the youth of the Sta. Monica Brass Band. Not only will we be giving the gift of music to children who may not otherwise be able to afford instruments, but we will be saving the instruments from a terrible death in local land fill. More to come....

Upcoming:

- EC Easter giveaway collaboration with Education, TBD
- *Play it Forward: Be Instrumental!* Instrument drive for the Sta. Monica Brass Band in Minalin, Pampanga, TBD.
- Catechesis of Creation and Love for the Earth, TBD