Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee Meeting on April 14, 2026

Attendance: Fr. Ryan Ackmann, Colleen Schiltz, Ellie Schultz, Sr Janeth Vasconez, Megan Cash

Ongoing Business:
Pastoral Council: no update (short meeting due to transitional meeting with Fr Reesman)

Retreat Resolutions:
Ways to make it easier to invite people to events.
Walk with One
Develop the OCIA inquiry stage

REP-Ellie: First Communion preparation is finishing up with our retreat on Wednesday. First Communion Masses coming up on April 26 and May 3. The Archdiocese is hosting the Catechetical Conference this August so I will be inviting catechists to attend. We are planning advertising for OCIA and Adult Confirmation for the bulletins.

OCIA/OCIC-Colleen and Ellie

The end of OCIA celebration on Corpus Christi will not be possible this year.
Ascension OCIA program: Both Colleen and Ellie think a new program would be helpful
Easter Vigil and Confirmation at Divine Mercy went well

Come and See: 3 events - Andre Hall April 22 6:30p.m., Heim Hall May 18th 6:30p.m. and St. Joseph Parish Center June 13th 10:00 a.m. (testimony, fellowship, Q&A) Colleen will have parishioners to be present at the event to help with anyone seeking information about being Catholic. Flyers are out around town

Hispanic Ministry- Sr. Janeth: Everything went very well for Holy Week. Confirmation preparation is going well (for Pentecost Sunday). We are working on a small altar and a procession for Corpus Christi (June 7). There will also be a Cinco de Mayo celebration (May 3)

Adoration schedule: There will be a Pentecost Holy Hour on Saturday May 23 at 7pm. The BCS Holy Hour for grades 4-8 on Holy Thursday went well. For next school year, Fr Ryan suggests a refresher leading up to Advent Confessions and Adoration teaching for 3rd & 4th grade. Also, teaching leading up to First Reconciliation with Adoration. Also, a 15 minute teaching at Teacher Inservice every year would be beneficial to review and answer questions.

Free Pamphlets/Materials: All donated materials should go to the office. The CareNotes at St. Mary could be ordered again.

Budget: No update

New Busineess:

- Catholic Social Teaching - no update

- Faith in our Future Trust: BCS is taking the lead on this
- Walk With One flyer will be developed seasonally for a bulletin insert

Next Meeting- May 12, 2026