Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee Meeting on November 10, 2026

Attendance: Colleen Schiltz, Ellie Schultz, Laura Freeburn

Ongoing Business:
Pastoral Council: Laura Freeburn reports important updates from their last meeting - Our Lady of Guadalupe will be three evenings starting on December 8. The December 11 procession will be at 7pm.

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

REP: Ellie - The middle school camp offered by the Archdiocese was excellent. We only had two girls participate but they won the camp trophy and reported having a great time. The Archdiocese is offering a High School "Legacy Retreat" for men and "Magnify Retreat" for women this spring. Unfortunately, we did not have these dates when our calendars were made and don't have chaperones easily available. If anyone knows someone willing to chaperone, we'd love to offer this opportunity to our high school students. This Sunday is our Confirmation Sponsor session; we have 42 teens preparing for Confirmation. We are approaching First Reconciliation for religious education on December 9 and the Confirmation retreat on December 13. Our collection of winter gear for local students was very well supported by our community and the school district was very pleased to accept 21 bags for the students they requested help for (plus many extras for those students that might be in need this winter). Our Teens for TLC walk raised just over $17,000 for the Transitional Living Center. The Chalice prayer experience sponsored by the Serra Club is going well.

OCIA/OCIC: Colleen and Ellie - We have one student receiving her sacraments of initiation on November 21. There are 5 children in various stages for reception next year. There are adults interested in joining next year's class already. Everything is going well. Ellie will be available for support and reflection on Dec. 5 at 9:15am before the Advent Reconciliation (confessions start at 10am.

Come and See:
Wednesday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph
Saturday, May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at St. Charles - Laura Freeburn
Monday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception

Christmas Book:
33 Days of Miracles and Wonders: They have been ordered and the Knights of Columbus are interested in supporting this initiative again this year.

Hispanic Ministry: The process for quinceañera has been established and seems to be working well. We are only offering masses for registered families and the girls are required to be active in Catholic school or religious education. There are required meetings and a retreat.

Budget: no update

New Business:
Screen Safety Workshop - Saturday January 30 following the 5pm mass

Parish Religious App. discussion: We shared the positives and negatives of Formed, Hallow Ascension and Lightforprayer.org - Currently our parish subscribes to formed.org and it is helpful for classrooms and adult education. Colleen is exploring Ascension for next year's OCIA curriculum. Ellie has heard the Hallow sales pitch and there are some benefits to the platform. We are exploring options to see what might benefit the parish most.

Cana Dinner January 16th, 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Charles
Catholic Social Teaching
Walk With One flyer
Next Meeting: December 14? 2026