

## St Mary's Education Commission Minutes, 11-16-2019

**Attendance:** Present: Tom Wietchy, Peggy Casing, Deb Valot

**Absent:** Cheryl Garneau

Peggy began the Meeting by talking about an Adult learning opportunity: an Online Class being offered by Sacred Heart Seminary on Discipleship. Daniel Keating, a Sacred Heart Professor, is offering the class titled, "Adventure in Discipleship." While it can be taken for credit, it also can be taken as a learning opportunity and in these days of "Unleashing the Gospel" might be topical for Evangelization. **Religious Education:** Concerning the RCIA Program, Peggy shared that one of the original RCIA members was found ready to be confirmed sometime in November, so now the RCIA membership stands at 7 members. **Gift/Adult Ed:** Peggy shared that there is a chance that St. Mary's Preschool will be using the St. Andrew's room as a fulltime classroom in the future. The loss of the space in the St. Andrew Room might impact the Gift and the Vacation Bible School Program. **Parish Day of Renewal:** Peggy shared what a great experience the Archdiocesan sponsored "Parish Day of Renewal" was on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Novi Expo Center. The Keynote Speaker was Sister Miriam James Heidland who spoke on the topic "Have An Open Heart to Jesus." Father Stan was visiting and agreed that the Renewal Day was well thought out and very meaningful.

Deb Valot then gave a report on **Evangelization:** Deb stated that the Evangelization committee 's Christmas handout this Christmas would be a book by Matthew Kelly titled, "**Rediscover the Saints**" which covers the lives of different saints with the idea that people sometimes connect better with the Saints because they experienced life just as we do. In addition they will pass out a Bookmark with St. Mary's logo and information on two upcoming Parish events: 1.) SMH will host Awaken Ministry, Friday, January 10. 2.) The Parish Mission, "Living and Sharing the Gospel," March 8-11. Deb also mentioned that Evangelization will be putting in a "**Prayer Card**" in the Chapel so that at times of Adoration or Private Prayer a Card can be used to send a message to those for whom we are praying. Deb had showed an example from another church. The Card can send a powerful message to a friend or family member for whom we are praying. Tom briefly mentioned that he contacted Chris Kozlowski from SMYG about sending a teen representative from SMYG to the St. Mary's Parish Council and the Education Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Wietchy