

## OLP Faith Formation Meetings

September, 20 and September, 27, 2017

This Year the Faith Formation committee organized 2 different meetings. The first meeting was on **Wednesday, September 20** with the volunteers and teachers of Confirmation and Pre confirmation Classes and the second meeting was held on **September 27** held with the volunteers and teachers of Nevis School release Time.

1. **Word of Welcome:** After the opening prayer, Mary Schiebe welcomed the participants and expressed our gratitude for their willingness to teach the younger members of our community.

### 2. **Introducing the Faith Formation Program of the year 2017 – 2018**

Fr. Tony introduced the Faith Formation Program of this year. He explained the diocesan policy implemented on July 01, 2016 regarding First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparations in the parishes of Crookston diocese. We are required to have 25 to 30 hours of teaching Faith Formation per year.

Due to these requirements, the confirmation and Pre-confirmation students will participate all Holy day Obligation Masses that is celebrated on Wednesdays, one community stations of the Cross during Lent. The Stations of the Cross for the community will be on Lenten Fridays from 9:30 -10:30 AM, in the place of Eucharistic Adoration.

The students also will have a Class hour dedicated every month to complete their Papers on Saints, Sponsor Interactive Question Answer and Letter to the Bishop. A team of teachers will teach them the confirmation and pre-confirmation classes. They are: Kevin Lindow, Wendy McGillivary Bjorklund, Jen McNamee, John Lindow, Ronda DeWulf and Mary Schiebe.

It was suggested that we start the Wednesday Evening Program on September 26 doing Safe Environment certification for the students. A separate meeting with the Teachers of the Nevis School Release Time Program will be held in order to explain the changes and work out a teaching curriculum.

Fr. Tony also promoted the new evangelization program that is available to us at [www. Formed .org](http://www.Formed.org) using our parish code: KRRFWT that the teachers will find it as a good resource.

### 3. **Pre - Confirmation Program for Grade 7**

There are 13 Students in this class. They will be taught from “We believe” series that deals with Pre-Confirmation Program. We are grateful to Kevin Lindow and his team for their commitment to teach the 7th Graders.

### 4. **Confirmation Classes**

The Confirmation Class has 3 year program. There are: 10 - Year One Students, 2 - Year Two Students and 9 - Year Three Students. This year’s topic for all the year is: “Creed / Faith”. The Bishop will be Confirming the Year Three Students on Sunday, October 21, 2018 during 10:30 AM Mass. Parents will be asked to help their children to complete their requirements of Christian Service hours, attending Retreats and Rallies and fulfilling other assignments expected of a candidate.

### 5. **Public School Release Time Program**

This year we have 33 students in this program. Three of them will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 15 during 10:30 AM Mass. A team of teachers are available for teaching the children in Release Time program. They are: Jen McNamee, Angie Lindow, Gina Rypkema, Julie Pidde, Donna Lindow, John Lindow, Beth Durgin, Jeanette Goehring and Dennis Theede. The teachers and volunteers elected Wendy McGillivary Bjorklund, who will be in the Faith Formation committee for a period of 2 years term.

### 6. **Next meeting**

**Wednesday, May 02, 2018 at 6:30 PM** at Our Lady of the Pines Church, Nevis.