Safe Environment Information Sessions

Our thanks go to Police Chief Steve Potter and members of the Safe Environment teaching team from the Napa Police Department who presented brief, informative training sessions in both Spanish and English for our parish community on December 7. The training was conducted to help us become more aware of ways we can protect others, especially children, in the event on an unwelcome threat by an assailant. The training model used is that created by Air Force Col. John Boyd, acronym OODA: Observe, Orient, Decide and Act. Learn more at readyhouston.wpengine.com/ suspicious-activity/run-hide-fight/ and watch the training video at readyhouston.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/RHF-English.mp4. We are encouraged to practice this technique in any location, at any time. It's quite amazing what one can discover by simply looking around! In the "action" category, here are steps one can take and the order in which to take them:

1. run (as fast as one is able);
2. hide (quickly look around for possibilities: under desks, turned over tables, etc.);
3. fight (use chairs, fire extinguishers, anything you can get your hands on).

We hope and pray that actions such as these will never be required of us. Meanwhile, it's beneficial to have the information in hand. It is also good to know that our school and other schools conduct safety drills on a routine basis. More training sessions may be offered in the future.

Faith and Community Survey

Last fall we conducted our Faith and Community Survey. Questionnaires were distributed at all Masses and at other gatherings. Thank you for an excellent response. We received over 1500 surveys and will have an opportunity to incorporate some of the suggestions offered into our parish plans and activities in the months and years ahead. Of the surveys returned, 75% came from parishioners who attend Masses offered in Spanish. A majority of respondents (88%) indicated they were highly satisfied or satisfied with our parish overall and 89% indicated highly satisfied/satisfied with clergy. Suggestions offered include: creating more opportunities to come together to learn more about our faith; to engage in retreats or other spiritual exercises; to reach out in service to the community; and to have fun through social events. Fr. Mora will be speaking to the parish as a whole about the results of the survey at weekend masses January 20 and 21.

Farewell to PPC member and long-time parishioner Judy Andrich moved to Arizona with husband Don. Thank you for your many years of service, Judy!

Faith Formation Work Group

The Faith Formation Work Group (FFWG), a small ad hoc group commissioned by the PPC and composed of a few volunteers from the PPC and other parishioners, explored how we can better serve the faith development needs of our parish. The FFWG will serve as a resource for existing ministries, and for others engaged, in bringing people together as we deepen our faith. The FFWG is currently developing first quarter planning, including Lenten Season preparations. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Priscilla Silvey at (707) 567-7957.

Upcoming Events

Walk for Life scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco. A bus departing from St John’s will be available for $20 per adult and $10 per child.

Annual Crab Feed hosted by St John the Baptist Catholic School will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Get your tickets now at: school.stjohnscatholic.org before they sell out!

PPC & All Parish Ministry Retreat open to all ministry members and Parish Leaders will be held on Saturday, February 17 in the Parish Hall from 9am to 1pm. Contact Priscilla Silvey for more information at (707) 567-7957.

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