

Notes/comments from breakout session—Catechetical Zoom 2-24-21

**Zoom Meeting Breakout Group 1 – Nancy Hampton shared her notes – THANKS!!**

Rosie (Our Lady of the Lake), Kathleen (OLOL), Nancy (Sacred Heart), Luisa (Pflaum -Gospel Weeklies), Sandy (Our Lady of Angels)

Sandy went first in answering the questions on page 5.

We are all virtual at OLOA. We are using the Sophia Institute's Family of Faith curriculum. It is not a grade specific program. We are working with families via Zoom with my catechists. She stated that she thought that 60% of her families liked this approach while 40% struggled. There is a monthly video that is tied with the curriculum that is sent to the families to view. These videos are archived if the family can't see it at a certain time. I plan to continue using this curriculum. I will continue to gather families one time a month. Sacrament preparation families will hopefully meet one to two times a month. Retreats for Reconciliation and First Communion also took place this year. Families have requested to see other families. As far as working relationships are concerned, we are still working from home with Zoom meetings.

**Zoom Meeting Breakout Group 2 – Julie Aldridge shared her notes – THANKS!!**

Challenges-small groups, low enrollment, new curriculum—Pflaum gospel weeklies

Google classroom—teachers share their experience

Outside activities still low attendance; fear and reluctance with younger groups. Not a lot digitally = just family based program with website to enhance it. Weekly resources sent home.

Pflaum available for Rec and FHC –pick up materials—access digitally too

Weather challenges, small attendance in activities

Maria Veliz--Building Space is a concern, Add another day for classes to utilize space. Can I go to people's homes to show them how to teach their family? People are not putting importance on spirituality, As leaders can we go out and show them how to stay close to God.

How can we go forward and what do we do?

Julie Buchanan-Engagement in family learning has been beneficial. Families can learn together. Send notes and ideas to families. Be positive with families. Give families things to help have virtual mass. Be a guide to them. What can you do with your children? Family conversations-question a day at mealtime. Give opportunities for families to engage with their children. Focus on family component Help families grow in faith

HOPE= helping parish encounter-

each month we do something together, warm weather good attendance==living rosary –reserve a spot, adoration-being inclusive to all, outdoor movie night in December. Collaboration with many groups

Elizabeth -Virtual every other week.