

Millennial Milestones Conference Call
Post-Confirmation
Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010

1. What aspects of this milestone interests your parish? Why is it significant to your parish needs?

-Opportunities for service, mission trips, habitat for humanity.

-Questionnaire or some way of getting their input. Survey monkey? Changing parents outlook on Confirmation as graduation.

-Rochester diocese has restored order in Gr. 3; students from our diocese who are very close to Rochester go there to be Confirmed earlier.

2. How can we help each other with this project? Ideas and suggestions...

-Peer ministry worked in one parish after the students were confirmed. Parents and sponsors were also involved.

-Invitation after Confirmation has to be a community effort. Need a sense of belonging.

-One parish offers a place on the retreat team after confirmation, Theology 101- monthly meetings on topics, bible study, lots of fellowship.

-Personal contact is key whether by phone or e-mail; blogging, facebook.

-Continued faith formation through Generations of Faith

-Movie nights can be teachable moments, e. g. Lion King; talent shows 'Night on Broadway'

-Next for them is College so let's treat them that way by offering electives after Confirmation. They can pick and Choose and sign up for a class or an activity. Some examples:

- Liturgical service – be a Eucharistic minister or lector for a year
- Bible study for teens
- Year of social justice activities
- Join the spiritual direction and faith formation team
- Book club: *Did Adam and Eve Have Belly Buttons; Do I Have to Go?*
- Aide in the Religious Education program
- Aide for Liturgy of the Word for children
- Position on Parish Council for one year; if many choose this then have elections.

Something along this line is measurable, has specific descriptions, is inviting. (Maybe a semester rather than a year.)

Summary: The group on both calls repeated the above suggestions in various ways. All are concerned that there is nothing offered for those who are Confirmed. Would like it to be a natural thing in a parish to invite Confirmandi to other things going on in a parish throughout the years they are still in the parish after Confirmation.