

Notes from the Education and Formation Commission Meeting on Monday, February 19, 2018

Comments made at the break out session are as follows:

- Leaders need to be mentors and encourage new members and also encourage others to consider taking on a leadership role
- People feel Not welcomed and have been told that they cannot join a ministry because it's too full
- We need to proceed with caution and remember that we need to focus on all parishioners not fully engaged, not just new members
- Information must be passed on regarding school matters by the Family Association ministry.
- Parents who only have 1 child in the school and may not know what to expect should be mentored by a family in the next higher grade.
- Working parents have little connections with other parents and would like the opportunity to meet more parents face to face to get to know more people especially those with only one child in the school.
- We need to do all we can as a parish to make our member feel welcome whether in the pews or in the school
- There needs to be a vibrant welcoming committee.
- Need more social media. Maybe we should consider hiring a summer intern to create a "buzz" about SFX. This should be more than what we have on our website.
- We need to engage the lost sheep.
- There should be one staff person over all ministries. It's too much for a volunteer to do. It's a big job but someone must be able to coordinate and keep track of the progress the ministries have made.