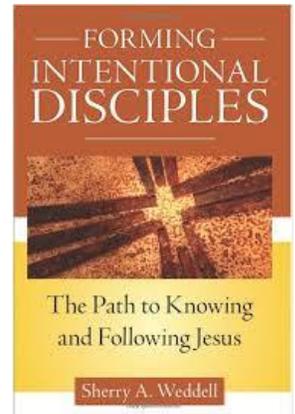


Forming Intentional Disciples

Book Study Night #2

Chapters 3-4



Chapter 3: The Fruit of Discipleship

Disciples:

- Pray with passion
- Worship
- Love the Church and serve her with energy and joy
- Give lavishly
- Hunger to learn more about their faith
- Fill every formation class in a parish or diocese
- Manifest charisms and discern vocations
- Clamor to discern God's call because they long to live it
- Evangelize because they have really good news to share
- Share their faith with their children
- Care about the poor and about issues of justice
- Take risks for the Kingdom of God

Vocations, pg. 89

Charisms, pg. 94

Reflect on your faith journey. Do you think you are an intentional disciple? What is helping you to, or preventing you from, true discipleship?

How are charisms in our parish nurtured or brought forward? What could we do better—especially with the youth?

Chapter 4: Grace and the Great Quest

How has your understanding of grace been enhanced after reading this chapter?

How do you understand the difference between the “validity” of a sacrament and the “fruitfulness” of a sacrament?

HOLY REDEEMER OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION NOTES ON CONFIRMATION

- God desires all the baptized to share fully in the Paschal Mystery through Confirmation, which will give you a freely given grace to accomplish this.
- The Confirmation process invites you into a full, conscious and active participation in receiving this gift.
- Faith Formation Office Role”
 - To help facilitate an awareness of how the Holy Spirit acts in the sacrament, helping you to connect this sacrament to both your Baptism and the reception of the Eucharist-how you renew your commitment to God each time you receive the sacrament.
 - To help you assess your gifts and help you discern how they can be used to build God’s kingdom AFTER Confirmation. The sacrament fully initiates you into the universal church and the purpose of the sacrament, as the completion of this initiation, is to strengthen you to bear witness to the world. The precepts of the church require this: to spread and defend the faith by word and deed. Living out the precepts is a response to God’s love.
 - To provide you with intellectual formation surrounding the nature of the sacrament. This allows you to actuate these gifts of grace God wasn’t to give you and use them in your spiritual life.
- Confirmandi Role:
 - You are not expected to know all the Church teaches or to be able to fully apply those teachings at the time of Confirmation, nor can you earn the sacrament by your own merit. After your Confirmation, we invite you to continue to grow in your faith.
 - You will be required to choose a sponsor that will walk with you throughout life. This should be someone willing to share their faith with you and help lead you to Heaven.
 - You will be asked to renew your baptismal promises at the Confirmation Mass.