

Topics for the future gatherings

Please mark your top 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice

Engagement of the Youth

- How do we engage/re-engage youth and have more diverse voices at the table?
- What is the diocese doing to encourage the youth to remain in the Church after they leave home? What is the success rate? What can be done to be more effective? We're losing them!!

Communication and Help for Laity:

- How do we address questions? Can we have talking points and a consistent message?
- How do we move forward in our Church?

State Laws and Procedures:

- Learn about the statute of limitations in Virginia in order to determine if longer reporting periods are needed

Mental Health Education:

- Why is this happening? Need information from a qualified expert in human sexuality. The difference between pedophilia (sexual interest in prepubescent children (generally those 13 years of age or younger), ephebophilia (sexual interest in mid-to-late adolescents, generally ages 15 to 19), homosexuality, heterosexuality as part a mental health talk. Education on facts regarding sexual abusers (causes, treatment, etc.) Could include police, medical professions, psychologist/therapist, etc. What is happening about child sex abuse in society (not just Catholic Church)? Statistics?

Prevention/Formation/Education:

- What can we do to make sure our children are protected? Have educations program for parents and students.
- Session on what is taught at Catholic Schools and CCF. Is it effective?
- Since Family Life Education is taught at public schools what do the CCF students receive?

Oblate Presentation:

- Oblates could talk about recruitment, training, and process to become an Oblate and what training continues as an Oblate. Discuss difference between Oblates and Diocesan priests. Do they screen for mental health issues? How do they determine if the process is working and how to make improvements? What are Oblate statistics with respect to abuse by Oblates?

Seminarian and priest formation:

- A talk about recruitment, training, and process to become an a priest and what training continues as a priest. Discuss difference between Oblates and Diocesan priests. Do they screen for mental health issues? How do they determine if the process is working and how to make improvements? What are Oblate statistics with respect to abuse?
- Facts about what might be different, if anything, with Catholic priests and sexual abuse in comparison with other religions or groups. What are statistics?

Organize March/demonstration/protests