



# F.I.A.T.

faith in action team



*A student-lead faith leadership  
group inspired by  
Mary's FIAT promoting faith  
building opportunities within the  
parish, school and home.*

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# **GENERAL SET UP & STRUCTURE**

## **1. Why Do We Exist?**

- a. To encourage each member to be a responsible citizen who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life. (CSGE)
- b. To encourage participants to be a caring family member who attends to family, school, parish and the wider community (CGSE)
- c. To form faith filled active leaders and Disciples of Christ who know their faith and live it out within their family, school and parish in a deeper way helping to change the world.
- d. To provide an opportunity for learning more about the Catholic faith and to share it through word and example in everything that they do.

## **2. How Do We Behave?**

- a. Prayerful
- b. Spirit-filled
- c. Joyful
- d. Practical
- e. Dedicated
- f. Active



## **3. What Do We Do?**

- a. **At the School**
  - i. Be the major student lead faith team which meets regularly.
  - ii. Lead, coordinate and develop opportunities for students to grow in their faith

***Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be done with me according to your word. (Luke 1:38)***



## 1. Prayer

- a. Lead prayer and Reflections on announcements
- b. Lead school liturgies
- c. Pray together



## 2. Outreach

- a. Local community
- b. Support parish initiatives
- c. Support school initiatives

## 3. Faith Formation

- a. Monthly faith gatherings
- b. Retreats
- c. Field Trips
- d. Understanding the Mass
- e. Learning about the church



## 4. Igniting Faith

- a. FIATFEST celebration
- b. Bring the Gospel alive
- c. Live the faith with joy

### *b. At the Parish*

#### i. Fulfill Liturgical Roles at Mass

1. Greeters
2. Ushers
3. Lector/Commentator
4. Altar Servers
5. Choir



#### ii. Host Various Prayer Opportunities

1. Our Lady of Lourdes Day of Prayer for the Sick
2. Marian Devotions
3. Stations of the Cross
4. Advent/Lenten Reflections
5. Create a Prayer Booklet



- iii. Be involved anywhere possible so that FIAT members can grow into faithful disciples and be leaders in the school and the parish.

c. **At Home**

- i. Provide family prayer resources and support (Prayer Kit)
- ii. Encourage families to pray together
- iii. Encourage families to celebrate the gift of the Eucharist together
- iv. Involve families in FIAT activities
  - 1. Retreats
  - 2. Social gatherings
  - 3. Regular communication through the FIAT website & social media

4. **How Will We Succeed?**

- a. Inviting and forming student FIAT members
  - b. Providing opportunities for leadership throughout the year at school and the parish
  - c. Pray together and create small retreat opportunities for the FIAT members to grow closer to Christ and one another
  - d. Work closely with the parish team supporting and developing faith experiences at the school and the parish
  - e. Work closely with the school principal and staff
  - f. Create a family atmosphere through social and faith events throughout the year so that families continue to grow in their faith
  - g. Communicate through the FIAT website and social media
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- h. Develop a yearly cycle of activities linked to the liturgical, school and parish calendars

## 5. Who Does What?

### a. **Staff FIAT Leaders**

- i. Meet with FIAT members monthly
- ii. Meet regularly to plan collaboratively with the parish pastoral team
- iii. Plan yearly mission projects:
  - 1. Community outreach
  - 2. Support Parish outreach
  - 3. School faith initiatives

### b. **The FAITH IN ACTION TEAM**

(comprised of students from grades 3 to 8)

- i. Lead the school and parish community in various faith activities throughout the year
- ii. Lead social justice awareness and fundraising initiatives
- iii. Participate in personal and communal faith formation activities

### c. **The Parish Team**

- i. Works with the Faith in Action Team and the staff FIAT leaders to support their ministry.
- ii. Provides opportunities for faith formation
- iii. Provides resources for FIAT where possible.
- iv. Informing and encouraging parish support of the FIAT activities.
- v. Provide financial support



#### d. **The FIAT Coordinators**



- i. Coordinate, support and provide resources all the Faith In Action Teams
- ii. Maintain FIAT website & social media
- iii. Facilitate communications with all FIAT partners (schools, parishes, diocese & school board)
- iv. Order FIAT t-shirts
- v. Assemble, maintain & replenish FIAT prayer kits
- vi. Organize annual FIATFEST celebration
- vii. To seek financial partners to support the ministry
- viii. Continue to develop future growth of the FIAT ministry

#### 6. **What are the costs ?**

(Note: These expenses are to be shared between the parish, school and other partners)

##### **BASIC COSTS:**

T-Shirts (\$8 per shirt)

Prayer Kit (\$250)

Buses for Outreach/FIATFEST (approx. \$250/yr)

##### **OPTIONAL COSTS:**

Kick Off Lunch

Family Games Night

Advent/Lent Family Night

Parish Family Brunch

Other Outreach activities

#### 7. **Who can we ask to support FIAT ?**

Parish

Knights of Columbus

Catholic Women's League

School Parent Council

School

Other sponsorship groups





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your word.”*

(Luke 1:38)

### **Woman of Listening**

Mary, woman of listening, open our ears; grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world; grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.

Mary, woman of decision, illuminate our mind and our heart, so that we may obey, unhesitating, the word of your Son Jesus; give us the courage to decide, not to let ourselves be dragged along, letting others direct our life.

Mary, woman of action, obtain that our hands and feet move “with haste” toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son Jesus, to bring the light of the Gospel to the world, as you did. Amen.

(Prayed by Pope Francis at the conclusion of the Holy Rosary at St. Peter’s Square, May 31, 2013)

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