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— Pope Benedict XVI, Papal weekly in Warsaw’s Pilsudski Square, May 26, 2006

Gospel forum provides men an opportunity to grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Christ. We do this by reflecting on the Gospels together and relating to each other as brothers in Christ. We also laugh a lot and have a good time together. If you have ever felt that you did not receive enough faith formation, here is your chance to begin changing that reality. You do not need to be a theologian or scripture scholar to participate. Just come as you are. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

MISSION STATEMENT Faith & Ale strives to encourage, assist, and equip men to be spiritual leaders in their homes, workplaces, and parishes.

All men are invited — the saints, the sinners and everyone in between — anyone interested in the implications of faith and morality on our daily lives, our families and our society.

We begin with social time enjoying food, drink and camaraderie, followed by an inspirational speaker and ample time for questions and answers.

**“Survey Says!”**

We now enter our 5th year as Faith & Ale – Fort Myers. Your feedback has been instrumental in the ongoing growth and vitality of our Catholic Men’s Apostolate. A special “thank you” goes out to those of you who completed the online survey last late spring. Below is a snap of the more significant observations.

Answers appear below the question in percentages that, respectively, Strongly Agree / Agree / Total Answered.

Faith & Ale events have helped me to better understand and live my faith.

30.2% - 62.3% - 92.5%

Faith & Ale events have deepened my faith.

39.6% - 49.1% - 88.7%

The suggested donation was appropriate for the value provided.

7.1% - 26.4% - 98.1%

I plan to attend future events.

79.6% - 18.5% - 98.1%

I will recommend the events to others.

72.2% - 24.1% - 96.3%

I enjoy reading the newsletter.

66.0% - 26.4% - 92.4%


 feels like we’re buddies just because we have that connection.

84% Yes / 17% No / 93.4% Strongly Agree / Agree / Total Answered.

The pizza tastes good.

42.3% - 50.0% - 92.3%

Speaker ratings (on a scale from 1-10) Rev. Anthony Hewett - September 9.4 2013

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