

## Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes Evangelization Team

January 9, 2025

### Notes

Present: **Holy Cross/Our Mother of Sorrows:** John Owens, **St. Charles Borromeo:** Rose Marie Lombard, **St. John the Evangelist:** Marianne Katz, **St. Lawrence:** Karen Bunker, **St. Leo the Great:** Joan Rohr, **St. Mark:** Carolyn DelVecchio, **Facilitator/link to the Pastoral Planning Task Force:** Karen Rinefierd

Excused: **St. John the Evangelist:** Dominick Zarcone, **St. Leo the Great:** Cindy Craner (we are hoping she will officially join this committee!)

**Purpose** of this group: to share parish evangelization best practices, to design and implement shared evangelization projects

#### **Target audiences:**

1. Members of our parishes—helping them deepen their relationship with God.
2. Members of our parishes—helping them talk to others about their faith without judging or criticizing.
3. Members of our parishes who pulled back during Covid and those no longer participating.

**Opening prayer:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22; intercessory prayers, the Lord's Prayer

#### **Miscellaneous items**

Question from Lynda Pleckan from the St. Charles Eucharistic Revival Committee: do we want to list resources from [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org) on the Roc Catholics Northwest website? If so, who will choose and organize resources to publicize?

- It was mentioned that the Eucharistic Revival is winding down and 2025 is a Jubilee Year. Suggestion that the resources be listed on the St. Charles website. Karen R. will pass this message on.

Decision regarding Steve Richard's offer to do his presentation on Saint Joan of Arc.

- The committee discussed the input received from St. John's. Mr. Richard would need to be transported to and from the parish hosting, and there is a question of diocesan policy/risk management.
- The committee wondered if he could make an audio recording. If he can, perhaps it could be posted on the Roc Catholics Northwest website. Karen R. will pass this message on to Tod Simone at St. John's.

#### **Pastoral Planning Task Force Update**

- Notes from the 11/20 parishioner meetings and the input received afterwards from parishioners is now available on the Roc Catholics Northwest website.
- The pastoral planning task force met earlier this week, and the final recommendation will be going to Bishop Matano next week. The committee will be ending soon and will be replaced by another 7-parish group to coordinate collaboration. Work on its structure and membership is beginning.

#### **Publish and keep updating the list of good electronic resources for Catholics**

- Coordinator: Carolyn
- We need to use data from the website to get an idea of how many people have been using the digital library. Karen R. will contact Dcn. Dave Squilla for this information.
- If only a handful of people have used it, our next step will be developing a campaign to promote usage.

- We could post the link and information about a resource we have personally found enriching for our faith life on our own Facebook pages.
- Joan shared a page from the diocesan directory encouraging parishes to tell the Courier what parishes are doing. We had discussed before the possibility of reaching out to Mike Latona to do an article for the *Courier* on the digital library.
- In the meantime, Carolyn will look through the list of suggested additional resources and choose some for further examination.
- We may want to revisit renaming the digital library.

### **Continue to publish Advent and Lent fliers with added space for “mapping your own journey” for persons to log their plans**

- Coordinator: Marianne
- There were several positive comments made at the 11/20 parishioner meetings about the value of these fliers.
- Joan brought a sample of how the Advent flier was incorporated into St. Leo’s bulletin.
- The request to parish contacts for items for the Lent 2025 flier went out this week. Marianne will again prepare the flier.
- There was the suggestion to add a question to the flier: “For Lent I want to…” Marianne will try to fit it into the actual flier.

### **Advertising local opportunities for Adoration; add information about what Adoration is for those unfamiliar with it**

- The regular times for Adoration are already listed on the Roc Catholics Northwest website and included in Advent/Lent fliers.
- We may want to highlight why Adoration is so important.
- (Added after the meeting) This text is currently on the website: “The Adoration of the Holy Eucharist is an opportunity for the faithful to pray to Jesus Christ before the Eucharist. This practice is a common way for Catholics to express and deepen their love of Christ.” Karen B. also found this description: *“The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring about peace, to convert hearts, to make reparation for the many evils committed. Spending time in prayer may seem, on the outside, to be a passive thing; however, it is anything but! Our world is in desperate need of hope, of renewal, of a ‘turning back’ to the things of God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take up the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture. Cultivating a Eucharistic life of adoration also bears tremendous fruit in our own hearts and lives. We cannot spend time in the rays of His Eucharistic Presence without receiving His grace, His love, His mercy, His peace. As we gaze upon Him Face to face, we are transformed little by little into a closer reflection of His divine image.” —Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration.*
- We can discuss this more at the February meeting.

### **Periodically highlight activities which focus on faith in God through Jesus Christ—begin with Scripture Study and youth activities**

- Coordinator for Bible Study: Karen B.
- Rose Marie will check what is being offered at St. Charles. [Now posted on the Roc Catholics Northwest website.]
- John said that Joe DiVincenzo will be offered something during Lent at Holy Cross.
- Joan said that Fr. Bob Ring is doing something this month at St. Leo’s. She will check what is coming up during Lent.

### **Develop and publish a list of retreat opportunities beyond the 7 parishes**

- Review of the 1/3 draft. There was agreement that we do not need to add a glossary of terms, since the types of retreats available at each location is described well in their information.
- Karen R. will finalize the draft and send it to the Web Administrator.
- Decision not to publish a list of parish retreat contacts for parish retreats at Notre Dame Retreat House.

### **Help our parishioners talk to others about their faith without judging or criticizing--answer "Where did you find God today"**

- St. Charles will use the question at an upcoming pancake breakfast
- Joan created a flier with the question as well as advertisements for the digital library and the Roc Catholics Northwest website, and she distributed copies. It will be sent out to the committee digitally with the minutes. A QR code could also be added. A note could also be added, suggesting that people share their response with the others sitting near them.
- The different ways that different communities phrase this question could serve well.
- In a future meeting the committee will discuss how to take this initiative to parishioners in general and how to share responses.

### **Help our parishioners talk to others about their faith: develop a list of resources for grandparents to share with their grandchildren**

- Coordinator: Joan
- We will develop a plan at our next meeting.
- We want to roll this resource out for grandparents' day (September 7).
- We could also market this resource to parents and grandparents. Probably target grandparents and godparents first.
- Joan shared a link from the diocese: [Grandparents | Evangelization and Catechesis](#)
- We should also talk to our catechetical leaders for their suggestions.

**Closing prayer:** Hail Mary

### **Future meetings**

- Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 pm, room #3 in Deacon Hall at St. Lawrence
- Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 pm, room #3 in Deacon Hall at St. Lawrence