

Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes Evangelization Team

October 10, 2024

Notes

Present: **Holy Cross/Our Mother of Sorrows:** John Owens, **St. John the Evangelist:** Marianne Katz, Dominick Zarcone, **St. Lawrence:** Karen Bunker, **St. Leo the Great:** Cindy Craner, Joan Rohr, **Facilitator/link to the Pastoral Planning Task Force:** Karen Rinefierd

Excused: **St. Charles Borromeo:** Rose Marie Lombard, **St. Lawrence:** Patricia Urbinelli, **St. Mark:** Carolyn DelVecchio,

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: Mark 10:17-27; intercessory prayers, the Lord's Prayer

Welcome back to Joan Rohr! We are hoping that Cindy Craner will choose to become an official member of the evangelization team as well.

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

- We now have complete information for the Mercy Spirituality Center, Notre Dame Retreat House, Mt. Irenaeus, Mt. Savior, the Abbey of the Genesee, and Cursillo. Action: Karen R. will put this into one document for review at the November meeting.
- Action: Karen R. will check with Rose Marie regarding whether the informational document about retreats is ready. [Rose Marie sent it after the meeting. We will review the draft at the November meeting.]
- We also had decided to gather the names of contacts for parish retreats at Notre Dame Retreat House:
 - St. John's: no contact
 - St. Leo: Neil Combs
 - Action: John will call Notre Dame to inquire about contacts from the other parishes.

Answer "where did you find God today" through faith sharing at parish committee meetings

- Those present finalized the introductory letter to the pastoral leaders which Dominick had drafted and Cindy edited.
- Action: Karen R. will send it to leaders the week of 10/21—after the 10/15 meetings of the task force with the pastoral councils and finance councils. She encouraged evangelization team members to follow up with their pastoral leader and offer to help implement this initiative. With our committee and the vocations committee becoming more active, the leaders will be most able to support our efforts if committee members do as much of the work as possible.

Advent flyer

- All those who have submitted information in the past have been contacted, and some information has started coming in. Marianne will create the flyer from what is sent.
- The question was raised at St. John's liturgy committee meeting whether the December 9 celebration this year was a holy day of obligation. Karen R. re-checked after the meeting, and it is.

Continued discussion about ways to improve advertising our initiatives

- Karen R. distributed posters advertising the Roc Catholics Northwest website and the Digital Library. They could be placed with other parish fliers or on a sandwich board or easel at coffee hours as mentioned at previous meetings. She will send them electronically for use in social media.
- St. John's has been getting this information out via Twitter and FaceBook.
- Marianne shared that another church advertises "what is going on this month" at their pancake breakfasts by postings at each table. Items could also be put on table tents. This method might be especially effective since more people would see upcoming events and other information from the 7 parishes. Action: Marianne will bring a sample to our next meeting.

Closing prayer: Hail Mary

Future meetings

- Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 pm, room #3 in Deacon Hall at St. Lawrence
- Thursday, January 9 at 6:30 pm, room #3 in Deacon Hall at St. Lawrence