

Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes Evangelization Team

February 20, 2025

Notes

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

Excused: **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: Luke 6:17, 20-26; intercessory prayers, the Lord's Prayer

Karen R. shared that Cindy Craner contacted her. Cindy will not serve on the 7-parish evangelization team, but she would like to keep receiving the minutes and will fill in for Joan when she is not available.

Miscellaneous items

Suggestion from the Holy Cross Stewardship and Evangelization Committee: That we host all those from the 7 parishes engaged in evangelization efforts—share what is being done, ideas, challenges, potential for collaboration

- Unanimous agreement that we would do this.
- Besides the Stewardship/Evangelization Committee at Holy Cross, there is an Evangelization Subcommittee of the Pastoral Council at St. Leo's. Our members can work with their respective pastoral leaders to decide who to invite from the other parishes. Some other parish groups mentioned to be potentially invited: the Eucharistic Revival Committee at St. Charles, the Faith in Action group at St. Lawrence, members of the Fatima prayer group at St. John's.
- Ideas for the agenda: share best practices, what your parish has done, what you are considering, what you are not sure how to do. This is an opportunity to get good ideas to take back to your own parish.
- Tentatively sometime in June or July before committees start planning for next year.
- We will set a date and organize logistics at the March meeting.

Article about the Digital Library for the *Catholic Courier*

- Karen R. had reached out to Mike Latona to suggest that they publish an article about the Digital Library, including why the resources listed could be used beyond our parishes to enhance people's prayer lives, faith, and spirituality whenever and however fits into their lives—e.g. driving to work, while nursing an infant, prayer guidance for the beginning or end of the day. Mike responded that the *Courier* plans an update on the Roc Catholics Northwest parishes after the 3/11 Presbyteral Council meeting. The Digital Library could be mentioned as one of the initiatives of the 7 parishes. He also said that if our team wanted something more expansive, one of us could submit a story that their staff would then edit and post on their website.
- Those present agreed that we would prefer a longer article. It would be part of reminding our own parishioners of this resource and encourage others beyond our area to use the Digital Library.

- Since Carolyn was not able to come to this meeting, we will ask her if she would like to be the one to write the article as the initiator and coordinator of this project. [Since the meeting Carolyn confirmed that she is happy to draft an article.]

2025 Lent flyer

- The flyer will be available to parishioners the weekend of March 1-2—before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.
- Marianne suggested that in the future someone from the evangelization team could proofread the last draft. She is fine with creating the flyer, but it is better to have someone who hasn't been working so closely with it to look for any typos, etc. Karen B. and Rose Marie said that proofreading is one of their skills and they would be happy to help.
- We liked the way Marianne incorporated a spot for people to plan out their own Lenten practices.
- As part of our future evaluation of this year's Lent flyer, evangelization team members will bring back any comments they receive—e.g., I wish the flyer included...

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

- Coordinator: Carolyn
- There was a brief discussion of the data received from Dcn. Dave Squilla, the Roc Catholics Northwest webmaster. It seemed disappointing to many. Going forward, we should ask for numbers regularly, maybe quarterly or by month. Preference would be monthly if that is possible. It would be good to learn if numbers of those accessing the Digital Library are growing.
- Discussion about next steps was deferred until Carolyn was present.

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

- Coordinator: Joan
- Joan reviewed some of the materials available on the diocesan website. We particularly talked about the coloring book which can be copied and distributed.
- Joan said that St. Leo's is preparing packets to give to the parents of the newly baptized. Rose Marie said that St. Charles has packets for children to use at Mass and many parents take them home.
- Karen R. suggested preparing and including a list of books that grandparents could read with their grandchildren, since this is a typical way to spend time. These could be grouped by board books, preschool, early elementary, etc.

For the March meeting agenda

- Add information about what Adoration is, for those unfamiliar with it, to the Roc Catholics Northwest website.
- Answer "Where did you find God today": how to take this initiative to parishioners in general and how to share responses.

Closing prayer: Hail Mary

Future meetings

- Thursday, March 27 at **5:30 pm**, room #3 in Deacon Hall at St. Lawrence (confirmed with Carolyn)
- Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 pm, room #3 in Deacon Hall at St. Lawrence