

Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes Evangelization Team

June 6, 2024

Notes

Present: **St. Charles Borromeo:** Rose Marie Lombard, **St. John the Evangelist:** Marianne Katz, Dominick Zarcone, **St. Lawrence:** Karen Bunker, **St. Leo the Great:** Cindy Craner (for Joan Rohr), **St. Mark:** Carolyn DelVecchio, **Facilitator/link to the Pastoral Planning Task Force:** Karen Rinefierd

Excused: **Holy Cross/Our Mother of Sorrows:** John Owens, **St. Lawrence:** Patricia Urbinelli

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: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26; intercessory prayers, the Lord's Prayer

Welcome to Cindy Craner

- Cindy, a member of the evangelization committee at St. Leo the Great, joined our group as Joan Rohr recovers from a hip fracture.

Continuing work on a spreadsheet of good electronic resources for Catholics

- Karen R. distributed copies of the most recent draft prepared by Carolyn. Some quick editing was done at the meeting.
- Since Carolyn only has a small monitor at home, she has been trying to work on the spreadsheet at work but that has been difficult. Marianne offered to meet with her to finish up edits.
- **Action:** all those who submitted entries are invited to take one more look at their own information and send any more needed changes to Carolyn and Marianne as soon as possible.
- Decision on the worksheet tabs we will use to sort the information: apps, websites, podcasts, radio, email, videos/YouTube.

Continuing development of a plan for the coming year

- Karen R. distributed copies of the compiled "top two" preferences from committee members in three areas: helping our parishioners deepen their relationship with God, helping our parishioners talk to others about their faith without judging or criticizing, and reaching out to those who pulled back during Covid and those no longer participating. There was only time at this meeting to discuss items regarding helping our parishioners deepen their relationship with God:
- **Promoting Adoration:** the information about opportunities for Adoration at our seven parishes is now on the Roc Catholics Northwest website. We liked the idea of having

bookmarks with details available at each parish (we looked at samples from St. Lawrence). We could provide information about what Adoration is for those who are not familiar with it and those returning to Catholicism. This could happen on a weekend when the Gospel reading has a eucharistic focus. Karen R. shared that the vocations committee is planning a 7-parish opportunity for Adoration in conjunction with praying for vocations and followed by a presentation on the permanent diaconate. It is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 3.

- Periodically highlight activities which focus on faith in God through Jesus Christ: agreement to begin with opportunities for scripture study and youth activities.
- Provide Children's Liturgy of the Word at parishes that don't currently have this in place: A comment was made that some of our parishes do not have enough children or volunteers to do this. A decision was made to skip this proposed action step.
- Develop and publish a list of retreat opportunities beyond the 7 parishes: We could keep this simple and have links to the Mercy Prayer Center, Notre Dame Retreat House, the Abbey of the Genesee in Piffard, and Cursillo. We could explain what a retreat is, why someone might want to go on retreat, and the different kinds of retreats.

Next steps on developing a plan for 2024-2025

- We will begin the next meeting with reviewing the "top two" prioritizations of committee members for 1) helping our parishioners talk to other about their faith without judging or criticizing and 2) reaching out to those who pulled back during Covid and those no longer participating.
- With the items for all three target audiences that we would like to do, we will lay out on a month-to-month basis the work that would need to be done, adjust what we would like to accomplish to what we can realistically accomplish, and discuss if we need to go beyond our committee members to address particular tasks.

Other

- Dominick asked if Marianne could report back what she learned at the May Gathering of the Ministerium which was centered around the topic of evangelization.

Closing prayer: Hail Mary

Upcoming meetings:

- **Thursday, July 11 at 6:30 pm, (room #3 in Deacon Hall at St. Lawrence)**
- **Thursday, August 8 at 6:30 pm, location TBD**