

## Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes Evangelization Initiative

October 19, 2023

### Notes

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

Excused: **St. John the Evangelist:** Dominick Zarcone, **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.

Objectives to help parishioners deepen their relationship with God:

1. Publish a list of good electronic resources for Catholics
2. Advent/Lent event for all 7 parishes
3. Answer “where did you find God today?” with responses shared
4. Communicating opportunities for Adoration and Bible Study

**Opening prayer:** Matthew 22:15-29, intercessory prayers, the Lord’s Prayer

### General:

- Joan distributed more complete information about the OCIA sessions at St. Leo’s which are open to others beyond those exploring becoming Catholics. She also shared the ad for Easter at the churches in the Hilton area.
- Karen asked if the group wanted to move to Zoom meetings given more illness and the upcoming winter months. Joan prefers meeting in person while those present were all open to meeting either way. Having some on Zoom and some in person seems to be least effective.
- There have been break-ins into cars in two of the church parking lots. Please lock your car when coming to a meeting.

### Advent 2023: advertise events in our parishes that are open to parishioners from the other parishes

- Agreement to create a one page flyer (one or two sides to be determined based on how much information we receive from the parishes). We want something colorful and attractive.
- We want this document posted on each of the parish websites (since we do not yet have a shared website).  
Action: Karen will email this request to the pastoral leaders.
- There will be a short bulletin article alerting parishioners to the existence of this resource and where to find it. Karen can create this as part of the regular pastoral planning articles and use the usual process.
- Pastoral leaders will be asked to review the draft document before it is finalized.
- We recognize that some parishioners will access the document on websites, but many might prefer or need hard copies. The final document will be distributed to parishes. The leaders and their staff can decide how many copies they want, how to produce these, and how to make them available to their parishioners.
- Agreement to include an introduction at the beginning of the document. We would also like to include Advent-related podcasts if there is room.
- Action: Members will collect information of Advent events (e.g. prayer experiences, speakers, events for families) and send to Karen by Thursday, 10/26: Holy Cross/Our Mother of Sorrows: John (Karen will also

contact Donna Petrella), St. Charles: Rose Marie, St. John's: Marianne, St. Lawrence: Karen, St. Leo's: Joan, St. Mark's: Carolyn.

- Action: Karen will then send everything to Carolyn and Marianne who will do layout by the 11/2 meeting.

#### **Continue work to publish a list of good electronic resources for Catholics**

- Carolyn shared a draft spreadsheet. It looks great! No changes were made to the columns and information to include.
- Some parishioners might use computers but not be familiar with apps for their phones or podcasts.
- Suggestions: 1) We may want to set up a table at the churches to show the resources. 2) We may need to create a step-by-step guide to using Formed.
- It's time to start collecting resources. We will focus on electronic ones first.
- Action: Each person will bring five favorites (either their own or from others they ask) to the 11/2 meeting. Include the information needed for all columns of the spreadsheet.

#### **Communicating opportunities for Adoration and Bible Study**

- Postponed until a future meeting

**Closing prayer:** Hail Mary

**Next meetings (at St. Charles Borromeo in room 7) at 6:30 pm:**

- **Thursday, November 2**
- **Thursday, November 30**