

Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes Evangelization Team

November 2, 2023

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. Leo the Great:** Joan Rohr, **St. Mark:** Carolyn DelVecchio, **Facilitator/link to the Pastoral Planning Task Force:** Karen Rinefield

Excused: **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: John 6:37-40, intercessory prayers, the Lord’s Prayer

Advent flyer advertising events in our parishes that are open to parishioners from the other parishes

- Marianne distributed draft copies of the flyer. She and Carolyn had met the previous week and then Marianne put the information received into a Publisher document.
- Review of information we still need to gather. All information needs to get to Marianne by noon next Tuesday.
- Timeline for completion and distribution:
 - Friday, 11/10: print-ready “almost finished” flyer with bulletin article to pastoral leaders and pastoral planning task force for their review
 - Joanie Bigham, the administrative assistant at St. Charles will do a final look.
 - Wednesday, 11/15: Karen will email final flyer and bulletin article to parishes (with copies to the evangelization team and the pastoral planning task force).
 - Each parish will decide its own process for making and distributing hard copies.
 - Weekend of 12/2-3: flyer on parish websites and hard copies distributed by parishes; article in bulletins.

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

- All members shared their “five favorites.”
- Carolyn will compile these on the spreadsheet she created—aiming for 11/30.
- Karen has gotten additional suggestions from the catechetical leaders and youth ministers.

Initial planning for Lent 2024

- It looks like the pastoral leaders are in the midst of planning a Lenten retreat. Hopefully we will have more information by our next meeting.
- Joan shared that there is a list of resources for grandparents on the diocesan Evangelization and Catechesis website. Perhaps we could share these with parishioners since often it is the grandparents that are forming children in faith.
- Joan and Rosemarie have shared two sets of instructions for using Formed.
- Suggestion to highlight “The Bible in a Year” video series by Fr. Mike Schmitz which is available on You Tube.
- Perhaps a flyer of Lenten opportunities similar to what we are preparing for Advent.

Closing prayer: Hail Mary

Next meeting: Thursday, November 30, room 7 in the Borromeo Ministry Center at St. Charles, 6:30 pm