

## **Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes Evangelization Team**

**March 27, 2025**

### **Notes**

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

**Excused:**       **St. John the Evangelist:** Marianne Katz

**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:** faithsharing (Where have you found God today?); intercessory prayers, the Lord's Prayer

#### **Selecting a representative from the Evangelization Team to serve on the Steering Committee**

- Decision that our representative will be Marianne Katz with John Owens serving as backup.

#### **Networking meeting of those involved in evangelization efforts at the 7 parishes**

- Some of the groups and people we want to include: the Holy Cross Stewardship and Evangelization Committee, the St. Charles Eucharistic Revival Committee, the evangelization subcommittee of the St. Leo pastoral council, Jeff Rice and those spearheading evangelization at St. Mark's, Michelle Giordano from Our Mother of Sorrows (she has been coming to the Holy Cross meetings and wants to start a similar effort for OMOS), John Hayes (OMOS).
- We will also extend an invitation through the pastoral leaders.
- We will want RSVPs so we can set up the room appropriately.
- Tentative date is Tuesday, June 10 (changed after the original date was unavailable for the main room at Deacon Hall).
- We will plan the agenda at our next meeting.

#### **Evaluation of this year's Lent flyer process and the flyer itself**

- Many positive comments and appreciation for how attractive the flyer was. Good to see all that our parishes are offering.
- Dcn. Frank Pettrone held up a copy at Masses and spoke about it, encouraging parishioners to look through the offerings.
- St. Lawrence, Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, and St. Mark's had copies available right next to the bulletins.

- St. Charles incorporated it into the bulletin and had copies (made on 11x17 paper) available on Ash Wednesday.
- St. Leo had the first 2 pages of the flyer available the first week and the last 2 pages the second week. This seemed confusing. Joan will reach out to staff to learn more.

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

- After Marianne's suggesting some videos for children for the list of resources for grandparents, we decided to add a children's videos category in the digital library. Aim is to get this ready by September.
- Agreement to add a QR code for the table tents which advertise the digital library. Karen Rinefiedt will ask Brendon Parker to do this for us.
- Once the children's videos category is ready, we will create a one-page description and ask the catechetical leaders and school principals to send it to their parents.
- Carolyn will draft an article about the digital library (primarily what it is) before our April meeting. When it is finalized, it will be submitted to the *Catholic Courier*.
- Karen Rinefiedt will draft a bulletin article for our parishes now and include the QR code.

#### **Answer "Where did you find God today": how to take this initiative to parishioners in general and how to share their responses**

- We will take this to the June evangelization networking meeting and ask for input from those present.

#### **Develop a list of resources for grandparents to share with their grandchildren**

- If possible, on Grandparents' Day we would like to distribute copies of the coloring books found in the diocesan resources. We need to check feasibility and work out logistics.
- We need to gather more resources including a list of books for children of all ages. Some possible sources: Catholic Market (Augustine Institute), the Family Zone (diocesan Evangelization and Catechesis), our catechetical leaders and parents who home school. Karen Bunker mentioned that she read an article about Catholic Book Fairs and sent it to St. Lawrence School which recently had a Scholastic Book Fair. She will look for the information (after the meeting she passed her email on to Karen Rinefiedt who will share it with the committee).

#### **Add information about what Adoration is, for those unfamiliar with it, to the Roc Catholics Northwest website**

- Agreement to add the text found previously sent by Karen Bunker (with identification of its source): *"The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring about peace, to convert hearts, to make reparation for the many evils committed. Spending time in prayer may seem, on the outside, to be a passive thing; however, it is anything but! Our world is in desperate need of hope, of renewal, of a 'turning back' to the things of God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take up the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture. Cultivating a Eucharistic life of adoration also bears tremendous fruit in our own hearts and lives. We cannot spend time in the rays of His Eucharistic Presence without receiving His grace, His love, His mercy, His peace. As we gaze upon Him Face to face, we are transformed little by little into a closer reflection of His divine image."* —Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration.

- Karen Rinefierd will work with the web administrator to add it to the website.

**Other**

- Joan mentioned that St. Francis Xavier Cabrini parish in Rochester has invited parishes to come on pilgrimage on a Saturday and participate in some aspect of the services they offer to people living in their area through Rochester Hope. Carolyn will scan the materials Joan brought to this meeting so that they can be shared with the entire committee.

**Closing prayer:** Hail Mary

**Future meetings**

- Decision to move meetings to 5:30 pm.
- Thursday, April 24 at 5:30 pm, room #3 in Deacon Hall at St. Lawrence
- Thursday, May 22 at 5:30 pm, room 7 of the Borromeo Ministry Center at St. Charles