

## Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes Evangelization Team

March 7, 2024

### Notes

Present: **Holy Cross/Our Mother of Sorrows:** John Owens, **St. John the Evangelist:** Marianne Katz, Dominick Zarcone, **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. Charles Borromeo:** Rose Marie Lombard, **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

#### **Welcome to Karen Bunker and introductions**

**Opening prayer:** Eph 2:4-10, intercessory prayers, the Lord’s Prayer

#### **Updates**

##### Roc Catholics Northwest Lent retreat:

- Fr. Ed Palumbos will not be able to present on the third day of the retreat, 3/19, because he now has surgery scheduled. The pastoral leaders agreed to cancel that day and just have the evening session on 3/17 and the afternoon and evening sessions on 3/18.
- Members of the evangelization team who are free to be greeters during the retreat: Sunday, 3/17 at 7 (please arrive by 6:30): Carolyn DelVecchio; Monday, 3/18 at 1 (arrive by 12:30): Marianne Katz; Monday, 3/18 at 7 (arrive by 6:30): Joan and Tom Rohr, John Owens (if he is back in town)
- Marianne will lead the opening prayer on Sunday evening.

Karen described the 2/27 gathering of the parish staffs. The purpose was to meet one another, share a lunch, and give feedback on a draft recommendation to the bishop by the pastoral planning task force. Based on their feedback, on 3/5 the task force decided to postpone the previously scheduled 4/22 gathering of pastoral councils and finance councils so that more work could be done on the recommendation.

### **Distribution of the Lent 2024 flyer**

- Copies were available at St. John's but not handed out consistently at every exit. Marianne offered to insert copies in bulletins in the future.
- There was an issue at Holy Cross and Our Mother of Sorrows, but copies were available the second week.
- St. Lawrence had copies available at Masses.
- St. Leo had the flyer stuffed in bulletins.
- Joan said that she had done a pilot of a worksheet parishioners could complete as they decided what they would do and what events they would attend as their own plan for Lent. Unfortunately, copies weren't available the same weekend as the flyer. A suggestion was made that we could do something like this several times during the year connected to different liturgical seasons.
- Some of the parishes had the flyer on their websites, and it was available on the new Roc Catholics Northwest website.
- There ensued a long conversation about communication and a recommendation that parishes consider using Flocknotes to send emails to their parishioners. Some of our parishes have found this effective. It seems that videos can be attached in this method, too.

### **Continuing work on creating a list of good electronic resources for Catholics**

- Carolyn was sick and missed our last meeting.
- We need the spreadsheet sorted with the format first. She will also add the revisions received since the previous meeting.

### **Topics for next agenda**

- Continue working on the spreadsheet of electronic resources and the logistics/marketing around its distribution.
- Begin long-range planning for this committee.
- Ideas previously mentioned as we plan for the coming year:
  - Create a brochure that individuals could use to pray the Stations of the Cross on their own.
  - Publish a list of the social ministries of each parish.
  - (For Lent 2025) a "worksheet" of some sort to distribute with the Lenten flyer so that each parishioner could record their "plan" for Lent. (We ran out of time to do this for 2024.)
- Action: Before the next meeting, jot down ideas of what this committee could do in the coming year.

We should hold each other, the task force, and the pastoral leaders in prayer.

**Closing prayer:** Hail Mary

### **Next two meetings:**

- **Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 pm (room 7 of the Borromeo Ministry Center at St. Charles)**
- **Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 pm (TBD either Borromeo Ministry Center or Deacon Hall at St. Lawrence)**