

Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes Evangelization Team

April 24, 2025

Notes

Present: **Holy Cross/Our Mother of Sorrows:** John Owens, **St. Charles Borromeo:** Rose Marie Lombard, **St. John the Evangelist:** Marianne Katz, **St. Lawrence:** Karen Bunker, **Facilitator/link to the Steering Committee:** Karen Rinefierd

Excused: **St. Leo the Great:** Joan Rohr, **St. Mark:** Carolyn DelVecchio

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: Luke 24:35-48, faithsharing, intercessory prayers, the Lord's Prayer

6/10 networking meeting of those involved in evangelization efforts at the 7 parishes

- Continued discussion regarding whom to invite:
 - We will also invite Maura Spencer from St. Lawrence
 - Invite Dominick Zarcone and the bible study group in which he participates
 - There was a question about why Dominick suggested the members of the Fatima prayer group. Action: Marianne will speak with him to understand and see if this makes sense.
 - There was a discussion about whether to include the pastoral leaders and/or all the deacons. Decision to focus on lay members of the parishes. Beyond inviting the entire Holy Cross Stewardship/Evangelization Committee and St. Leo's Evangelization Subcommittee of the Pastoral Council (the two specific groups focused on evangelization within our seven parishes), we will ask the pastoral leaders of the other parishes to recommend a maximum of 5 people to include. Action: Karen R. will draft individual emails to each pastoral leader and run them past the appropriate Evangelization Team member before sending them out.
- We need to stay with the focus on evangelization, specifically evangelizing adults, including parents.
- We want people who come to be fired up and be able to take ideas back to their own parishes. We need to respect the different cultures of our parishes. We don't want to discourage any of those who come.
- Once we hear back from the pastoral leaders, we will send out an invitation to those named. A second email with more details/specifics will go out after our next meeting on 5/22.
- Initial ideas for each parish's reporting: 1) What are 2 things that you have tried that worked well? 2) What are 2 things that didn't? What are your conclusions about why not?
- We will have nametags (name and parish) and bottles of water available.
- Action: Rose Marie will prepare opening prayer.

- We will begin the gathering at 6:30 pm. We will work out the end time when we finalize the agenda at our next meeting, but we'd like to end by 8:00 if feasible.
- Evangelization Committee members will serve as table facilitators if we decide to break into smaller groups.
- Additionally, we discussed but did not reach conclusions about:
 - Seating - purposefully mix parishes or open seating?
 - Parish reporting – We noted that not all parishes have an evangelization team or leader or effort. This means that reporting for those parishes may not be possible.
 - We still need to finalize the agenda but are aware that we must focus the discussion.
 - We may want to offer the Evangelization Committee's efforts/accomplishments earlier in the program.

The Digital Library

- We reviewed a draft of an article, to be submitted to the *Catholic Courier*, about the Digital Library--prepared by Carolyn with editing by Marianne.
- Action: Marianne will do one final edit based on the comments tonight:
 - Add the website link and QR code for the Digital Library.
 - At the end add "Submitted by the Roc Catholics Northwest parishes (with the 7 parishes identified)."
 - Delete ideas for the future.

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

- Postponed to a future meeting

Closing prayer: Hail Mary

Future meetings

- Thursday, May 22 at 5:30 pm, room 7 of the Borromeo Ministry Center at St. Charles
- Gathering of those involved in evangelization at the 7 parishes: Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30 pm, main room of Deacon Hall at St. Lawrence
- Thursday, June 19 at 5:30 pm, parish center at St. John the Evangelist