

Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes Evangelization Team

June 19, 2025

Notes

Present: **St. Charles Borromeo:** Rose Marie Lombard, **St. John the Evangelist:** Marianne Katz, **St. Lawrence:** Karen Bunker, **St. Leo the Great:** Joan Rohr, **Facilitator/link to the Steering Committee:** Karen Rinefierd

Excused: **Holy Cross/Our Mother of Sorrows:** John Owens, **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: 1 Cor. 11:23-26, faithsharing, intercessory prayers, the Lord's Prayer

Miscellaneous

- There is a workshop at the pastoral center on Wednesday, June 25. The morning is for staff about the use of ParishSoft after the census; the afternoon is a presentation about an OSV program to assist parishes in engaging parishioners and getting people back to church. Fr. Peter invited Marianne Katz and Rick Paoletti (on the 7-parish vocations committee) to attend the afternoon portion. She will report back if there is anything that would be helpful to the other parishes.

Follow up discussion about 6/10 networking meeting of those involved in evangelization efforts at the 7 parishes

- Participants said that they enjoyed the evening and want us to do a similar evening again.
- Several commented that they liked the format and being asked what they think.
- They want to be enthusiastic, and they have ideas about how to evangelize but don't necessarily think their parishes are mobilized.
- Several mentioned that resources for grandparents and parents will be valuable.
- Few who came knew about the Roc Catholics Northwest website or the resources the 7-parish Evangelization Committee has prepared which are available there.
- Joan suggested that we could focus on different audiences throughout the year—e.g. parents in the summer, grandparents in September--and put seasonal ads in bulletins.
- Marianne talked about a strategy of encouraging parishioners to use their personal social media to share about upcoming parish events—e.g. a pet blessing where non-parishioners might come and bring their pets. There could be a postcard or business card available with Mass times and a QR code to the parish website. A similar bookmark could be placed in hymnals. Any of these welcoming/informational cards could be available at funerals, weddings, first Communions, etc.

- Another possibility would be to encourage parishioners to post something on their personal social media after they attend a parish event.

Continued work to develop a list of resources for grandparents to share with their grandchildren

- Decision to prepare a flyer of resources that can be distributed at the parishes and be available at the two schools, since grandparents volunteer and often pick up their grandchildren after school.
- Agreement to include the hints for grandparents that are listed on the diocesan website.
- We can steer people to additional resources available on the Roc Catholics Northwest website.
- The flyer will be two-sided and colorful.
- Action: All members to send information about any resources they recommend to Marianne. Joan has already been gathering these, but Marianne needs the complete list of resources as soon as possible so she can begin working on a flyer. She will be with family 7/4-8/5—it's unclear whether she will have any time to work on the flyer then. She may need someone else to do the layout.
- Action: Karen R. will reach out to the catechetical leaders and some parents that homeschool for book suggestions that grandparents (or parents) could read to children. She will try to get recommendations for board books and different ages (e.g., preschoolers, elementary, teens). This list might be part of the resources for the Roc Catholics Northwest website.
- Timeline:
 - **Monday, August 11**: draft flyer to the Evangelization Committee for review.
 - **Tuesday, August 19**: final flyer to the parishes for printing.
 - **Weekend of September 6-7**: flyer distributed at parishes (as a bulletin insert or in the same way each parish shares the Advent and Lent flyers. It will also be available on the Roc Catholics Northwest website, and we will ask parishes to have a link on their websites. We can ask the social media people for each parish to spread the word, but September is usually a busy time with many parish events to publicize.

Preparation for next meeting

- Begin work on 2025-2026 actions: committee members will re-read the 6/10 notes and add their own ideas. Action: come to the 8/11 meeting with your top 3-5 ideas for what we should do. These will be beyond continuing the Advent and Lent fliers and continuing to refresh/advertise the Digital Library.
- Consider ways to expand the group working on projects:
 - 6/10 participants who had tremendous energy around certain things and might be interested in being an ad hoc member of a group working on a specific project.
 - Fellow parishioners who might be interested in joining the Evangelization Committee.

Closing prayer: Hail Mary

Next meeting

- Monday, August 11, 5:30 pm in Deacon Hall at St. Lawrence