

Evangelization Gathering of the 7 Parishes
June 10, 2025, 6:30-8:00 PM
Deacon Hall at St. Lawrence

Notes from the 4 groups

Purpose: an exchange of ideas among the parishes and providing input to the 7-parish Evangelization Committee

Focusing question for the evening: How can we collaborate further to drive evangelization across the seven parishes?

TABLE 1: Anna Flaitz (St. Charles; multi-parish Catechetical Coordinator), Eileen Zegarelli and Rick Paoletti (St. John's), Jack Norris (St. Leo), Rob Picco and Jeff Rice (St. Mark's), notes: Joan Rohr (St. Leo), facilitator: Karen Rinefierd

What evangelization efforts have you done that have gone well?

- **St. John's – Eileen Zegarelli:** After trying other formats of prayer, they chose to focus on the rosary. To strengthen faith, they helped some to learn how to say the rosary. Books (from TAN Books). available in the back of church, encourage parishioners to choose subjects to strengthen their faith. **Rick Paoletti:** Rosary before Mass and saying the prayer to St. Michael after Mass has become a tradition. The K of C offers a Holy Hour frequently. Fish Fries during Lent provide opportunities to share “family style” with parishioners and others from other parishes and the community in general.
- **St. Leo's – Jack Norris:** Our evangelization committee is a part of our Parish Council and has a section of our 5-year plan, which has just been updated for 2025-2030. We held a “call night” to contact those who have not returned to Mass after COVID and others whom we haven't seen. We repeated the calls recently after the Census. After getting a listing from the Post Office of new residents of Hilton and Parma, we delivered 430 packets with our brochure of info on St. Leo's Masses, etc. and a book from Dynamic Catholics [like Matthew Kelly]. If a parish has an Ambassador to Dynamic Catholics, the parish gets good discounts. Recently we delivered the same packets to the new residents of St. Leo's Providence House apartments. We also gift our parishioners with books, most recently the one on the Eucharist. A Saturday night community dinner was held for parishioners and others. We plan to repeat it.
- **St. Mark's – Jeff Rice and Rob Picco:** They are currently running video episodes from The Chosen followed by a Bible Study (with popcorn). They held the Alpha program for a few years, and most recently “The 99.” They held a Lenten retreat with St. Leo's this year as well. Book clubs, bible studies, and Rosary before weekday Masses are other activities enjoyed by parishioners.
- **St. Charles – Anna Flaitz:** Letters were sent to parents of children receiving Sacraments, encouraging them to come back to share in Mass and other enriching programs to continue the growth of their family's faith. They recently held a series on the parts of the Mass. They hold bible studies on a regular basis.

In your parish what makes evangelization difficult?

- **St. John's – Eileen Zegarelli:** Hard to share when the current attitude is “Don't talk religion and politics.”
- **St. Mark's – Jeff Rice and Rob Picco:** 90% of the same people participate in most activities. It would help to use bench marketing—look at other faiths. Utilize opportunities at funerals, Baptisms, first Communions, Christmas, and Easter to educate families and guests and invite them back to worship with this community.

- **St. John's – Rick Paoletti:** lack of interest by parents bringing their child after Baptism to continue faith practices. Many sacraments are treated as mere rites of passage and people do the minimum requirements (and sometimes even less) to receive and then we don't see them again.

What can we do across seven parishes to share and grow our evangelization efforts?

- **St. Leo's – Jack Norris:** Invite others to join you at Mass and other activities. Jack also asked about Mass attendance statistics.
- **St. Mark's – Jeff Rice and Rob Picco:** Take programs on the road—help the other NW parishes with retreats and other programs that have worked at St. Mark's. Witness talks at Mass.
- **St. John's – Rick Paoletti and Eileen Zegarelli:** Improve contact with guests at weddings and funerals to invite them back.
- **St. Leo's – Jack Norris:** work with families – teaching grandparents and parents to share with their children.

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- **St. John's – Rick Paoletti and Eileen Zegarelli:** In small groups' sharing, like prayer groups, Cursillo, permanent groups, and Adoration groups.
- **St. Mark's – Jeff Rice:** Witness at Mass – once a month. It seems more effective when it's we, not me. We as a community who are weak but made strong by God's love. I've heard the analogy that the Catholic community, the Catholic parish, rather than being looked upon as a museum of saints, it is a field hospital of those wounded by earthly life seeking healing. St. Paul reminds us of this: it is in my weakness that I am made strong by God's love.

Ideas from all at the table for reaching out to those who do not come to Mass: go door to door, lawn signs, mini-carnival, Oktoberfest, food truck rodeo

TABLE 2: Mary Beth Kurtenbach (Our Mother of Sorrows), Cindy Wakefield (St. Charles), Inez Ringholz and John Lacek (St. John's), Tom Rohr (St. Leo), Rosemarie Cupello and Kim Lana (St. Mark's), notes: Rose Marie Lombard (St. Charles), facilitator: Carolyn DelVecchio (St. Mark's)

Parish evangelization efforts:

- **St. Leo's – Tom Rohr:** He talked about the effort of asking "where have you seen Christ today?". It's implemented on the committee he's on and said it's going well.
- **St. John the Evangelist – John Lacek:** A couple of years ago they held the Christ Life program – 3 segments, 7 weeks each. Began with 85 people, 1st session, 40 people 2nd session, 20 people last session. Ninety-five percent who attended were already active church members, but they felt their faith was strengthened. He feels that we have to be the "salt of the earth and let our light shine."
- **St. Mark's -- Rosemarie Cupello:** beginning of each month the presider asks about birthdays, other special occasions that month, which are then recognized. Many previous events, i.e. festivals, dinners, etc. are no longer held and that causes a loss of community. She feels that it would help if they were returned.
- **St. John the Evangelist – Inez Ringholz:** A few years ago, there was an evangelization group that was very active, went door to door handing out information packets, and also met at McDonald's for discussion, prayer and faith sharing which employees as well as some customers seemed to enjoy. There was even an occasional "Amen" from a customer. Inez was very, very enthusiastic about "Evangelists in the Pew." Most of our parishioners cringe at the thought of evangelization. They need to be called evangelists from the pulpit and begin to learn their calling which is simply to pray from the

pews for their parish, pastor, success of parish endeavors and their facilitators, and special intentions. She also thinks that those interested in evangelization should be given tools. This was evident at a seven week mission on evangelization at St. Alban's which she attended and where she was an aide. Everyone was very attentive but admitted that they were not comfortable "preaching." Most could not even say "Jesus" aloud. She gave an assignment: they were to go home and practice saying "Jesus" out loud so they could hear their own voice. The next week they each were given a slip of paper with a line from the litany of the Holy Name of Jesus. They were able to stand up and loudly and boldly say the name Jesus. Inez is very enthusiastic and encourages people to pray at home with their families and just say the phrase "Jesus, I love you."

- **St. Mark's – Kim Lana:** Alpha program a few years ago was successful. Kim feels that too many legal issues prevent events formerly held to build community. Because of these restrictions parish life has diminished.
- **St. Charles – Rose Marie Lombard:** Through the Eucharistic Revival committee Bible Study programs have begun again and a successful "Share the Word" video and discussion program had about 35 attendees.

When we asked who at the table have heard about the website "ROC Catholics Northwest," not one person had heard about it. Carolyn talked about all the resources available on the website. Other than that, we really didn't complete talking about the Second Discussion items.

TABLE 3: Rick McDougall (St. Leo), David Wakefield (St. Charles), Deacon Lon Smith (St. John's), Mary Ann Rice (St. Mark's), Maura Spencer (St. Lawrence), Kimm Wesley (St. Mark's), notes: Cindy Craner (St. Leo), facilitator: Marianne Katz (St. John's)

Share one evangelizing effort by your parish that has gone well? If you can, please share one reason you think it was successful.

- **St. Charles -- David Wakefield:** The parish holds a coffee hour every week and a pancake breakfast for parishioners. It has been well attended. Additionally, different committees such as Knights of Columbus were invited to the coffee hour so parishioners could learn about that particular ministry which gave parishioners a chance to ask questions. He noted that the parish has been slow to get back up after COVID, citing that they don't have altar servers or bring up the gifts at mass. As a greeter, he has noticed a family that sits in different areas in the church each week and will introduce themselves to the people around them.
- **St. Mark's -- Mary Ann Rice:** Shows The Chosen on Wednesday nights. This is advertised on their parish website and in their bulletins. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a friend to the event. Prior to COVID they hosted the Alpha program where they had 60-70 in attendance.
- **St. Mark's -- Kimm Wesley:** Hosted The 99 program which had small attendance, but people seemed to be engaged. Deacon Frank is very supportive and encouraging of this program. Also, she noted that they are having trouble getting individuals to do things and it seems to be the same small group who does volunteer.
- **St. Lawrence -- Maura Spencer:** Shared a personal story of her interaction with a 12 year old boy whose grandmother has been taking him to Mass and religious ed classes. She has noticed that he has been saying grace before meals and has brought his friends to classes/church.
- **St. Leo -- Rick McDougall:** The parish distributed over 120 welcome packets which contained a brochure, welcome postcard, and a copy of the book Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of your Life by Matthew Kelly to new residents to the Hilton-Parma community. These welcome packets were also distributed to the residents of the St. Leo apartments (Providence Housing) in March 2025. Rick passed around the table a copy of the trifold flier with information about the parish and its ministries. He shared that a list of new mortgage holders in Hilton was obtained (how this was obtained was not

shared); this flier and other information were sent to those households. Rick noted that the success couldn't be measured. Fr. Joe mentioned that the number of newly registered parishioners has increased, but Rick was not sure the reason for this increase. It could be due to the packets or outreach or some other factor. Additionally, St. Leo held three phone campaigns where parishioners were called. One happened during COVID as a wellness check. One was outreach to parishioners who were active before COVID and then hadn't returned, and the other campaign was to update parishioner contact information for the diocesan census. With all these campaigns, it was noted that a lot of the contact information was outdated and they learned that a lot of numbers were out of order or not in service. Fr. Joe said he thought Mass attendance had increased, but there were no metrics. Rick also noted that he was not sure the outreach was a factor in the increase of weekly church attendance.

- **St. John's -- Marianne Katz:** The parish hosted the Christ Life program. They tried to keep it going through COVID but, since it had to be done virtually, attendance dropped due to individuals not being tech savvy.
- **St. John's -- Deacon Lon Smith:** Christ Life and Alpha programs are great for evangelizing parishioners already in the pews, but they do not tend to attract the outside community. He also posed the question "How do you define evangelization?" Since he has experience with all the parishes, he pointed out what attracts individuals to come check out a parish. For example, the youth mass at St. Leo's, and St. Charles has a band which plays upbeat music to attract young adults. He further stated that evangelization means "getting your hands dirty" and welcoming people which means saying hello and smiling. We need to pay attention to who is coming through the church doors. Bereavement is a big evangelization opportunity as it brings people from all different types of faith denominations or none at all. He proposed holding a luncheon for anyone who has lost a loved one during the year (this would be an invitation across the parishes). He noted that active parishioners can sometimes be territorial in their ministries and not welcoming to new volunteers. This turns off new people and often causes them to not participate. Parishioners need invitation and long-time volunteers need to welcome new people and their ideas while sharing what has worked well in the past. This encourages full participation and continuing ministries when people choose to step away. Seasoned volunteers need to mentor individuals to replace them.

In your parish what makes evangelization difficult?

- **St. Mark's -- Mary Ann Rice:** Asked the group "How can we start a conversation with someone, such as a neighbor, without offending them?"
- **St. Lawrence -- Maura Spencer:** -Cited there are not enough programs for young adults and families. On another note, parents often need to learn or re-learn the religious ed material in their children's lessons helping them to become more educated in the faith. However, often grandparents do the lessons with the child. More outreach is needed to the parents.
- **St. John's -- Marianne Katz:** Noted that privacy can be a factor in not following up with parishioners. For example, she noticed that a person that she used to see in church hadn't been coming but she was unable to follow up due to privacy.
- **St. John's -- Deacon Lon Smith:** With regard to the question about how to talk to a neighbor, he cited Bishop Barron: share your story. We need to get real with people and share how Jesus has helped us through our darkest times. Additionally, the church needs to continue to apologize for the sexual abuse scandal as we have lost a lot of trust and need to build that back. Cursillo should be attended by church leaders as well as parishioners as it lights a fire for your faith. Train people how to evangelize. There should be metrics with any efforts--if we can't measure it, why do it?

Marianne mentioned the following items that the 7 Parish Evangelization Committee has worked on and noted that they can obtain data that will tell how many times the website has been visited and unique clicks.

- Advent and Lenten flyers

- All of these are on the shared website amongst the 7 parishes (<https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org/>):
 - a Digital Library that lists Catholic resources from books, podcasts, and apps for all aged audiences
 - separate lists of all 7 parishes' bible study times and Eucharistic Adoration
 - information about retreat houses near our area
- A list of resources for grandparents is currently being worked on.

Have you personally heard about these things that the 7 Parish Evangelization has done?

- Everyone knew about the Lent and Advent flyers; there was mixed knowledge of the other resources.
- **St. Lawrence -- Maura Spencer:** Loved the flyers for Advent/Lent and the resources listed on the website. She specially liked that there will be resources for grandparents as she has noted that this would be beneficial to those that home school. Adults can learn more about their faith along with their kids/grandkids.

What effort would you like to see the 7 Parish Evangelization Committee undertake?

- Overall theme of responses: coordination/linking of all the parishes
- **St. Charles -- David Wakefield:** Mentioned that the parish used to hold a 7 day retreat once a year. It was well attended and renewed attendees' faith.
- **St. John's -- Deacon Lon Smith:** There is strength in numbers (like rallies). Focusing on the youth-- getting youth involved in a social ministry project to give them a sense of purpose and belonging. Also getting youth interested in participating in other churches by offering a charismatic Mass, young musicians.
- **St. Mark's -- Kimm Wesley:** - Echoed the need for a collaborative retreat amongst the parishes.
- **St. Leo -- Rick McDougall:** -Also agreed that a retreat held amongst the parishes would be a good idea to get parishioners fired up about their faith.
- **St. John's --Marianne Katz:** Mentioned that the churches could collaborate to send out a flyer/postcard to new members of the community about different Mass times/offerings at each one and to invite them to check them out. Deacon Lon Smith stated that not just the Catholic churches could be listed but, to collaborate with churches of all denominations in the area, others could be included on the materials. Marianne also stated that parishioners need to advertise/share what events are going on in the parishes on their social media platforms
- **St. Lawrence -- Maura Spencer:** Would like to see more of any effort in having small groups where individuals can discuss what they are going through, to know that they are not alone, that they have support.
- The consensus of the group was that follow up with individuals is lacking and is needed in any efforts. David Wakefield stated that their parish has a sign-up book for new visitors/registrants and they do follow up with them afterwards.
- **St. John -- Deacon Lon Smith:** Posed the question of "Why do I go to Church?" noting that it is not the Eucharist, music, homily, etc. but "Why do I need Jesus Christ as my Savior?" We typically have the what and the how, but we don't speak to the Why and that it is what is needed.

Overall Themes/Summary of Group Discussion

1. Post-COVID Reengagement and Recovery

- Multiple participants (St. Charles, St. Mark's) emphasized how slowly their parishes have rebounded post-COVID.
- Common issues include reduced numbers of volunteers, fewer altar servers, and difficulty reigniting programs that were once active.
- Follow-up and outreach to parishioners who stopped attending during COVID are inconsistent and challenging due to outdated contact information.

2. Successful Evangelization Efforts

- Events like coffee hours, The Chosen screenings, Alpha, and Christ Life have had some success, especially when hospitality and invitation were central.
- Outreach examples included welcome packets to new residents (St. Leo), personal engagement with youth (St. Lawrence), and bereavement outreach ideas.
- Success often came from face-to-face, relationship-based efforts and making programs open to friends or the broader community.

3. Challenges in Volunteerism and Engagement

- A recurring concern is the over-reliance on a small group of volunteers, with others hesitant or uninterested in stepping up.
- There's a need for **mentorship, training**, and building a culture where faith sharing and involvement feel accessible and encouraged.

4. Defining and Deepening Evangelization

- Several participants (especially Deacon Lon Smith) discussed the **need to define evangelization**, emphasizing it is more than programs — it's about **personal witness**, relationship-building, and sharing faith stories.
- Evangelization should be both inward (renewing the already faithful) and outward (inviting new people in), with Deacon Lon calling it "getting your hands dirty."

5. Lack of Measurable Outcomes

- There was general agreement that evangelization efforts often lack metrics, making it hard to determine effectiveness.
- The only metric currently in place is website traffic data from the shared 7-parish site.

6. The Importance of Collaboration Across Parishes

- A key takeaway was the **desire for greater coordination** between parishes.
- Ideas included:
 - Joint retreats or revivals
 - Shared youth ministries or music programs
 - Collaborative outreach materials (flyers/postcards)
 - Creating events across denominations to show unity and widen outreach

7. Outreach to Specific Populations

- Young adults and families are underserved—calls for more relevant programming and small group support.
- Bereavement ministry seen as a powerful evangelization entry point.
- Grandparents' resources on the website were praised as a needed support, especially for homeschoolers.

8. Social Media and Communication

- Participants noted the need for more parishioners to share parish events and resources on social platforms.
- Some appreciated the Advent/Lent flyers and online resources but emphasized the need for more active promotion.

9. The "Why" Behind Faith

- Deacon Lon stressed the need to move past *what* we do (Mass, sacraments, music) and focus on *why*—why Jesus, why salvation, why Church.
- Encouraged more storytelling and real talk about faith and struggle to make evangelization more authentic and relatable.

TABLE 4: Joe DiVincenzo and Joe Pitnell (Holy Cross), Lynda Pleckan and Paul Olewnik (St. Charles), Mike Hassett and Anya Rosien (St. Leo), facilitator: Karen Bunker (St. Lawrence), notes: Dominick Zarcone (St. John)

Parish evangelization efforts:

- **St. Leo the Great -- Mike Hassett:** Mike made us laugh as he opened by saying his one-year Parish Council term was now completing its 6th year. Mike also heads up the Events Committee which wants to revive things in the Parish after losses due to Covid. He mentioned the successful Valentine's Dinner and the 7@7 social event held on the 7th of every month @ 7 o'clock. A significant effort was made in developing the Parish's Five-Year Plan so as to envision where the Parish would be in the future. St. Leo's Parish Council President, an engineer, applied measurable standards and calculations to the Plan's goals toward which work was being done--for example, in faith formation and evangelistic outreach. These measurable calculations helped determine realistic feasibility. For examples of the Plan's Evangelistic Outreach, Mike described how a list of new residents in the Parish neighborhoods was utilized for leaving at each new resident's door a parish welcome bag and how lists of parishioners were utilized post-Covid by Parish Council Members and Evangelization Committee Members to make telephone calls. The phone calls were friendly inquiries into how folks were doing, what they needed, and welcome back offers emphasizing how much they were missed by the Parish. Moreover, outreach efforts were being made when special events were scheduled according to the Liturgical Calendar, like special events around Christmas or Easter time.
- **St. Leo the Great -- Anya Rosien:** Informed our Table 4 participants of her Young Adults Faith Formation Team's five years of successful efforts catechizing young adults and chaperoning their youth group events. Faith and fun can go together, and Anya uses that faith based and fun method in what is called TRINITAS, which is a Young Adult Ministry for Faith Friendship Fellowship. This collaborative young adult ministry originally founded by Anya at St. Leo's is now also serving the parishes St. John's Spencerport and Nativity Brockport. This ministry can be contacted by email: Anya.rosien@dor.org, or on Facebook or on Instagram. Anya described a number of TRINITAS' evangelistic efforts which include service projects, retreats which emphasize mind-body-soul and ways to pray, other gatherings twice a month, and Bond Fires for upwards of 30 people at which the Rosary is prayed. These Rosary Bond Fires are held at Anya's multi-acre home. The next one is scheduled for June 21.
- **Holy Cross-- Joe Pitnell and Joe DiVincenzo:** Shared Holy Cross' evangelization good news. Both men are members of the Parish's Stewardship and Evangelization Committee which three years ago began a reading of Divine Renovation. With two thirds of the parish participating, a survey was conducted which revealed people are desiring to be asked to be involved. In effect, personal contact can result with parishioner involvement in the life of the parish.
- Father Justin Miller has picked up where Father Joe Martuscello left off with young people. One Friday a month 40 to 50 youth show up for IGNITE Basketball and Adoration.
- The 10 am Sunday Mass is now considered the children's Mass in which the young people leave with catechists during the homily for their own instruction (Children's Liturgy of the Word) and then return for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- Frank Kirchgessner directs HEART TO HEART which is a ministry to the elderly and nursing home residents. Recently one of the nursing home residents served by HEART TO HEART converted to the Catholic faith and is now a Holy Cross parishioner.
- Concerned about adults whose work hours keep them from Wednesday Adoration, the parish now is considering extending Adoration Hours.
- During Lent, Deacon Joe Placious leads Wednesday Stations of the Cross beginning at 6 pm in consideration of working parishioners.
- For 4 years every Sunday morning at 9 am, nine to fourteen people attend viewings of inspiring and spiritually enriching videos. Some of those featured Chris Stefanick's The Search, Fr. Dave Pivonka's series on the Holy Spirit, and Ascension Press' Jeff Cavins.
- **St. Charles -- Lynda Pleckan:** She was originally a parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus Parish but now belongs to St. Charles Borromeo. Three years ago, Fr. Firpo invited her to start and preside over a Eucharistic Revival Committee. For evangelization purposes the Committee conducted bible studies

and a 12-week video series entitled, "Elements of the Catholic Mass." After each viewing of the video, Faith Formation Director Amanuel Malik and Deacon Dan Callan facilitated lively discussions. The response to these videos and discussions was very good, and Lynda assessed the events to have been very successful. On December 12, 2023, Fr. Bob Kennedy gave morning and evening talks on the Liturgy. However, the talks did not draw as many participants as hoped, perhaps due to inclement weather. Bible study content has been the Mass readings from the previous weekend liturgies. Lastly, there has been an effort to reach out to younger people in the effort to restore Mass servers.

- **St. Charles – Paul Olewnik:** Shared how impressive the Bible studies are. Moreover, Paul emphasized the significance of children receiving First Holy Communion and all of the bonding and faith building through the various First Holy Communion celebrations in church and in homes with families. In effect, First Holy Communion events play a significant role in connecting families with the church.
- **St. John's – Dominick Zarcone:** Spoke about evangelistic efforts at his parish by first emphasizing his parish's name (John the Evangelist)--and that's what we do, "evangelize!" Dominick explained that although the parish is celebrating 160 years in the footsteps of the Evangelist John, he had only become a parishioner in 2012. Within two years, the Pastor, Father Peter, invited him to conduct a Lenten Mission on Wednesday nights on evangelization. While the Mission had prayer, music, and guest faith testimonies, the heart of those Wednesday night gatherings was Dominick's catechetical talks on the Kerygma/The Gospel Proclamation, what sacred scripture, and sacred tradition's official documents teach and emphasize regarding evangelization for the salvation of souls. Dominick shared a reference book entitled *The Urgency of Evangelization: Answering the Call* by Dr. Ralph Martin which included an appendix authored by Scripture scholars Mary Healy and Peter Williamson. A year later, Dominick started "Wednesday Evangelization at McDonald's" which went on for a couple of years with 6 to 8 parishioners gathering for food, fellowship, and faith sharing. Often employees and customers were interested in their faith discussions. Dominick informed the group how a number of parishioners and friends conducted a knock on doors walk on Duxbury Rd. close to the Church to share faith, resources, and welcome the neighbors to the church. He informed everyone that Chris Stefanick was scheduled to speak in September at St. Marianne Cope, that Dave Valone is the contact person, and that Father John Riccardo's Rescue Project and his ACTS XXIX are very promotable. He agreed that the videos being shown Sunday mornings at Holy Cross were very good to promote even for clergy who need "to feel comfortable in their own skin" when talking about Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- **St. Lawrence – Karen Bunker:** Shared that her parish's bible study starts in the fall and offers the option of morning and evening sessions for 8 weeks with 25 to 30 people attending. So as not to conflict with Lenten Missions and other parish events, no bible study is scheduled during those liturgical seasons.

What effort would you like to see the 7 Parish Evangelization Committee undertake?

- **St. Leo the Great -- Mike Hassett:** Suggests we do more than merely share ideas but actually share people. For example, when there is a fruitful discipleship making program in one parish, the facilitators of that program visit those other interested parishes to help them jumpstart their own discipleship making efforts.
- **St. Leo the Great – Anya Rosien:** Suggests an emphasis on helping parishes develop good ushers who are not only attentive to visitors at Mass but who also serve as welcoming ministers of hospitality.
- **Holy Cross-- Joe Pitnell and Joe DiVincenzo:** In referencing *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry Weddell, suggested that the 7 Parish Evangelization Committee do a gap analysis to identify those "spaces" in the evangelization journey which are less well addressed. The example was given that we do a good job at starting/promoting social events yet faith growth, bible studies, and religious education could become the underserved areas.
- **St. Lawrence – Karen Bunker:** Suggested that the 7 Parishes set up a Bible Study Resource Library for sharing bible study resources with one another.

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- **St. Leo the Great -- Mike Hassett:** once the discussion turned to catechizing our Parishioners to foster familiarity with the Gospel Proclamation/the KERYGMA and Faith Sharing, (categorized as helping people feel comfortable in their own skin for talking about Jesus), Mike asserted that we even have to help some shepherds (clergy) do the same; i.e. feel comfortable in their own skin in order to evangelize and comfortably speak to others about Jesus.
- **Holy Cross-- Joe Pitnell and Joe DiVincenzo:** Spoke about how people need to be helped to feel comfortable in their own skin in order to share faith in Jesus. It was emphasized that since many Catholics have yet to internalize the need to share with others what is believed, perhaps a kind of shock boot camp experience is necessary as parish leaders are inspired to teach people how to evangelize.
- **St. John's – Dominick Zarcone:** Enthusiastically supported the “Where did you find God or Jesus today?” promotion.