

Evangelization Committee Agenda

Location: St Mary of the Hills, East Overflow Room

Date: Sep. 14, 2016 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: George Phillips, Karen Schenk, Clem Valot, Jay Fedewa,
Marsha Owen, Hugh Buchanan, Beth Belesky, Mark Joyce, Susie Phillips

1. Opening Prayer (7:00 – 7:05) (George)

2. Introductions (7:05 7:10) New member, Marsha Owen.

- a. Marsha is a new parishioner at SMOTH. She can be reached by phone. Welcome, Marsha!

3. New Business: (7:10 – 7:25)

a. Evangelization Synod (November 18-20, Westin Book Cadillac)

- i. Beth Belesky (SMOTH rep); Susie Phillips (PAV rep)
- ii. Dialogue Gathering session results: topic for future meeting

b. Upcoming Parish Council Meeting Sep. 17:

- i. Looking for EvC members to support each commission. See below. Two committee reps per commission is desirable. In most cases we have only one.
- ii. New Parish Council officers are: George president, Meghan Vice-president, Jay Secretary. George asked for the group's prayers going forward to support the new officers, that we can make an impact on the parish.

c. SMOTH 2nd Vicariate rep

- i. Hugh Buchanan has graciously agreed to serve as SMOTH Vicariate rep, along with Susie. We have had only one representative since Joan Cashman left the parish.

d. EvC Budget

- i. Our budget request from last spring was largely approved. We appreciate the generosity of Father Stan and the finance committee in providing the financial ability to support evangelization programs.
- ii. Part of the budget request was bringing the program "Formed" to St. Mary's for parishioners to enjoy quality Catholic programming at home. What is the status of bringing "Formed" to St. Mary's?

e. Evangelization Kickoff Brainstorming results from August 17 (handout)

- i. See chart on page 5 - 6

4. Project Updates: (7:25 – 8:10)

#	Title	Leaders	Status
1	ChristLife	Clem, Karen and All	<p>Weekly planning meetings started September 8. We will be working with St. Irenaeus again. They will have Wednesday afternoon sessions, and SMOTH will have Thursday again. We will have a combined retreat at HFRS.</p> <p>Clem has grouped the participants and leaders from the previous sessions. We will contact them as potential participants if they didn't finish the course, or as leaders if they did.</p> <p>Karen is working with Father Stan and the office staff to identify and contact about 200 inactive parish families to invite them. Another suggestion is to ask Mary Bomarito about people who come on Monday night only.</p> <p>Eventbrite registration is open. The registration information is available in the bulletin, on the website, and will be available in the office.</p> <p>September 15 meeting will start with the SMOTH kitchen tour. The planning meeting will start at 7:30 PM.</p>
2	Support/ Liaison for SMOTH Commissions	All	<p>Christian Service: Karen Education: Susie Fellowship: Jay Stewardship: Clem Worship: Beth and Hugh (Work with and through the commissions – be the “leaven.”)</p>
3	Periodic Special Blessings:	Karen, Hugh	<p>Last year we talked about periodic special blessings, such as for volunteers (SVDP feast day is coming up Sep. 27). Work with Worship Commission. Hugh can also include in prayers of the faithful.</p>
4	Religious Freedom Bulletin articles	Mark, Susie	<p>Susie will start the series to promote protection of religious liberty. Working on Religious Liberty / protection of the church theme for the Saturday PC meeting. Karen suggested that we try priestsforlife.org, Use quotes from bishops and popes about our responsibility as Catholics.</p>
5	St. Paul Street Evangelization	Mark	<p>Ongoing. Nightfever, Basic Evangelization training. Other festival opportunities. We need to get people out there talking to people at these evangelizing opportunities. Everybody has a story to tell. Many people are hurting and need Jesus.</p>
6	Contacting New Parishioners	Beth, Karen, Deb	<p>We will continue as we get a monthly list from Laura Corrion. Beth has been making the calls lately. This last month, Beth was able to talk to many new members, and might have one family that is interested in joining the committee. Beth will send the meeting minutes to this possible new member family.</p>

7	Matthew Kelly at St. Andrew's October 2016	Mark, Beth	Sold out. There is a meeting October 1 for St. Andrew's volunteers. Beth and Deb are on the distribution list for assisting.
8	Prayer Intercessors/ Friday Rosary	Karen	Advertised Friday rosary to parish; many prayer requests coming in; we pass them to Deb for Carol Hanna. Susie will send a slide to Beth and she will modify as needed and give it to Dan for showing at mass.
9	Vocations Committee	George, Jay	No events scheduled currently. Alex Kiowor handed us his binder of information after mass this month; he had worked on this previously. We can work on this after ChristLife is launched.
10	Library	George, Susie, Clem, Hugh	Have pamphlets to put out; want to couple with bulletin articles for awareness of the individual pamphlet content, and for increased visibility for the library. This year would like to have discussion about a better presentation and/or a better location for the library so people use the library more. Clem/Hugh will formulate ideas and talk to Father Stan. Peggy has some books that we could add to the library or give away at Discovering Christ. Thank you, Peggy. We also need to order some copies of Rediscover Catholicism. We have used up copies by giving them to families at baptism, etc.
11	Spring speaker/ Parish Mission / Field trip	Jay, George	There was discussion about follow-up follow up from our April mission with Richard Lane. We invited St. Charles Lwanga parishioners to our picnic, but did not receive a response, or any attendees. We need to formulate a plan to partner with St. Charles Lwanga parish. Perhaps we should ask Father Stan to talk with Father Parker. Upcoming event at St. Charles Lwanga: October 16 is a mass mob at the St. Cecilia location: 10:00 AM mass. Another possibility instead of an individual parish mission is partnering with another parish (PAV or local parish), and having a joint parish mission.
12	Electronic Sign proposal	Susie and Karen	Finance and Building Committee have worked on this proposal. The cost is now estimated at \$50,000 for an appropriate sign. This includes electrical upgrade for the required circuitry and electrical line to the sign. EvC should follow –up and see how the funding stands, gather lessons learned from other parishes and draft a “Mission statement” for the sign.

5. Announcements: (8:10– 8:20)

a. Mark passed out a flyer: 10th Annual Rosary Rally:

- i. The Legion of Mary is sponsoring a rosary rally at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Sunday October 16. Starts at 1:15 PM with a Procession into the Church.

6. Roundtable (8:20-8:30)

- a. George: The staff brought up the idea of evangelizing to the people who come here to vote in November. We will pursue putting out information. (SPSE or Dynamic Catholic, Gus Lloyd, etc.)
- b. George said that Father Strain suggested that we try advertising in Val Pak. We could also look at putting a popup on websites.
- c. Jay shared a bulletin from a church in Portland, Maine. This is another parish that has the program “Formed.”
- d. Jay also shared an article from Michigan Catholic about a NaPro surgeon working with God’s plan for infertile couples.
- e. Jay noted that the center of the word “evangelization” is “angel.”
- f. Karen: Laura Corrion confirmed that anyone is welcome to attend the kitchen class (how to use our new commercial kitchen) Thursday.
- g. Beth: “Resisting Happiness” by Matthew Kelly will be available as a book give-away for Christmas. Meghan Schuler has also asked if we could make copies of the Christmas books available for the Advent by Candlelight ladies. There was great support for this new book as a giveaway for Christmas.
- h. Beth – brought up the idea of saying the St. Michael prayer after mass. Should we order prayer cards? Hugh will run this through the Worship Commission. It is a very powerful prayer. Many parishes already do this.
- i. Beth: retreat planning – she will talk to Susan Kowalski about the November 5 DC retreat.
- j. Mark – a Rochester chapter has been started: streetevangelization.com/Rochester. They have evangelized at the rotary park near the library on Thursday nights. There was a Nightfever at St. Mary RO last weekend. Friday they will be at the new Awaken series, at Ss. Cyril and Methodius. SPSE needs volunteers to come out and evangelize. Mark has business cards from Peggy Casing to give to people if they want to go to the next level, such as RCIA.

7. Closing Prayer (Hugh)

Brainstorming Results: 2015-16 Recap, and 2016-17 Ideas

Activity	2015-16	2016-17
Nightfever	300 people came and lit candles	Do it again. Do debrief of lessons learned for next year. (Some lessons learned: Need more volunteers. Need more luminaries. Need more time to light the luminaries. Need to give parking instructions to SMYG so cars aren't parked in the cross-hatched walkways.)
Festival of the Hills SPSE	Gave away 300+ rosaries	Do it again. Ask parishioners to make rosaries, or ask GIFT MSP
ChristLife	New sessions. Keep supporting the graduates from last time.	Get prayer teams from St. Lawrence. Keep small groups in contact after the sessions. Promote the retreat; be more clear about the commitment when people register.
FORMED	Asked for this in 2016-17 budget.	What is the status of bringing this to SMOTH?
Basic Evangelization Training	Held in April 2016.	Build on the training. SPSE at park events.
Parish Mission	How can we build a relationship with St. Charles Lwanga?	They have a mass mob on October 16, 10:00 at the St. Cecelia site.
Reading	Beth will circulate Wedell book.	
Library and book giveaway	Promoted the library with bulletin articles. Used remaining fiscal year budget to purchase over 200 give-away books for parishioners to read and share with friends and family.	Do it again. We learned that they were sharing them and giving them to relatives (i.e. grandkids).
Friday Rosary 5:00, and Intentions box	Typically there is a small group from EvC. Occasional other parishioner attends.	Keep it going. Work in invitation. It is open to all. Have Dan put up slide before mass/narthex.
New: Door to Door visitation	New.	Put together a draft of what we would do and say.
New: Prayer teams after mass	New.	Have at least one pair of two people available in the church after mass for hands-on, praying over anyone who asks.
New: Support for the family.	New.	How can we support and build up the family. "Chastity" speaker popular. There is a lot of need to support aspects of youth and family.
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Possible field trips this year:

Westphalia, Michigan vocations success.

Christ the King (Ann Arbor).

Our Lady of Good Counsel (Fr. Ricardo)

Other Discussion:

Why is there so much parish turnover?

Why aren't Catholics getting married in the church?

Graduation Brunch dropoff in attendance?

Retreat attrition @ Manresa: noted that it happens in the 1st years. Same for parish, soon after registration?

SMOTH Evangelization Committee Meetings	SMOTH Parish Council Meetings	Parish Council Prayer Leader for the Parish Council Meeting
Sep. 14, EOF	Sep. 17	Evangelization
Oct. 12, EOF	Oct. 15	Stewardship
Nov. 16, EOF	Nov. 19	Fellowship
Dec. 14, TBD at HFRS	Dec. 17	Education
Jan. 18, TBD at HFRS	Jan. 21	Finance
Feb. 15, EOF	Feb. 18	Worship
Mar. 15, EOF	Mar. 18	Youth
Apr. 19, EOF	Apr. 22	Christian Service
May. 17, EOF	May. 20	Staff
Jun. 14, EOF	Jun. 17	Executive Committee or Other