

Evangelization Committee

Location: St Mary of the Hills, East Overflow Room

Date: October 11, 2017 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Present: George Phillips, Susie Phillips, Jim Ghormley, Marcia Owen, Clem Valot, Deb Valot, Beth Belesky, Jay Fedewa, Denise Kay

1. Opening Prayer (George Phillips)

2. New Business:

a. Weekly Bulletin Articles (Jim and Theresa Ghormley)

- i. Jim and Theresa started writing the articles weekly this past summer. Thank you to Jim for creating the Evangelization Column and doing such a great job! Jim invited others to contribute articles as well. The deadline for articles is noon Monday. Please coordinate with Jim.

b. Recap of September meeting discussion on “Unleash the Gospel” (Jim and All)

- i. The committee had a good discussion among the members in attendance. It would still be advantageous to invite other parishioners to come and discuss the Archbishop’s letter – perhaps at a coffee-and-doughnuts meeting. Central Services has also prepared a work-book format for parish use, the “Reflections Guide.” There were suggestions to (1) communicate the power and significance of the Archbishop’s letter to parishioners, (2) create opportunities for parishioners to discuss the letter as it applies to our parish, and (3) discuss specific ideas/changes/programs that St. Mary’s should pursue.

c. ChristLife plan for 2017-18 (Susie and All)

- i. ChristLife vs. Alpha: We discuss both programs, and decided to stay with ChristLife. Some reasons were: it teaches Evangelization in the “Sharing Christ” portion, it is Catholic (Alpha was started by Anglicans), we have had good response for those who have attended the program, and we already own the materials.
- ii. This program provides the “shallow entry point” advised in “Unleash the Gospel.”
- iii. We would like to accommodate volunteers time constraints, and increase attendance. There was discussion about time of year to start, and about day of the week to hold the meetings. The direction is to start after January 1, and run the sessions after the 11:00 mass. There will be more discussion next month.

d. Friday 5:00 PM Rosary (Susie and All)

- i. This has been advertised consistently in the bulletin. We usually get a few “regulars” from the Evangelization Committee, as well one to three or four parishioners. There was discussion about partnering with the Saturday Rosary group for bulletin advertising and format.

e. Christmas Book Giveaway: (Deb and All)

- i. Dynamic Catholic is recommending “Perfectly Yourself,” with the plan to use this book for next spring’s “Best Lent Ever.” Deb will talk to Father Stan about ordering these for Christmas.

f. Brainstorming of 2017-18 New Activities (Beth and All) .

i. Beth went to St. Anastasia and it wanted to share two things she saw there.

1. **First, she was greeted upon entering and told that it was “nametag Sunday,”** so they made a name tag for her, and at the beginning of mass everyone was asked to greet those around them by name. Beth will pursue initiating the “Nametag Sunday” idea here.
2. **Second, Father talked about “Tony of Troy,” a person who might happen to walk in the door, and have certain needs and concerns, even mistrust of the church.**
 - a. He asked “Would such a person get what they need from the parishioners?” This is similar to the idea from “Rebuilt,” and “Amazing Parish” – naming your neighbor and potential visitor. Beth will follow the bulletin at St. Anastasia for how they walk through the “Tony of Troy” program.

3. Project Updates:

Number	Title	Leaders	Status
1	Library	Karen/ Louise	Our dedicated librarians have cleaned up and organized content. Further discussion on location and presentation is needed this year.
5	St. Paul Street Evangelization	Mark/ Denise	Meet on Wednesdays at RH Library continuing while there is daylight in the evenings.
6	Contacting New Parishioners	Beth & Theresa	Can continue when names are received from the Parish Office. Beth October 22 “Welcome Luncheon” – after 11:00 mass. (Update 10/22: Hugh represented Evangelization.)
7	Vocations Committee	Susie	No update.
8	Yard Signs	Karen, Jay	No Update. Yard signs for parishioners. Present at Parish Council/ run by Father Stan? Slogans and cost TBD.
9	EvC representatives to the Commissions	All	GOAL: 2 per commission. Current list: Christian Service – Karen Education - Susie Fellowship – Jay, Denise, Carol B Stewardship – Clem, Mark Worship – Beth and Hugh

10	Prayer Teams	Beth and Hugh	Beth and Hugh have talked to the Worship Commission. Beth working with Paula to further the planning.
11	Weekly Evangelization Bulletin Column	Susie, Theresa, Jim	Ongoing. Jim is writing weekly articles.
12	Electronic Sign proposal	George	George will contact Father Stan: What is the status with the CSA campaign complete now?

4. Roundtable Announcements

- a. Jay – Saturday morning at 8:30, Jay is starting Braveheart’s breakfast (men’s fellowship) and will be covering Bishop Barron’s “Pivotal Players.”

5. Closing Prayer (Beth)

Remaining meetings:

SMOTH Evangelization Committee (2nd Wednesdays)	SMOTH Parish Council	Prayer Leader for the Parish Council Meeting
Oct. 11, EOF	Oct. 21	Evangelization
Nov. 8, EOF	Nov. 18	TBD
Dec. 13, EOF	Dec. 16	TBD
Jan. 10, EOF	Jan. 20	TBD
Feb. 14, EOF	Feb. 17	TBD
Mar. 14, EOF	Mar. 17	TBD
Apr. 11, EOF	Apr. 21	TBD
May. 9, EOF	May. 19	TBD
Jun. 13, EOF	Jun. 16	TBD