

Evangelization Committee

Location: St Mary of the Hills, East Overflow Room

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

Attendance: George Phillips, Susie Phillips, Denise Kay, Clem Valot,
Deb Valot, Karen Schenk, Beth Belesky, Mark Joyce

1. Opening Prayer (7:00 – 7:05)

2. New Business: (7:05 – 7:15)

a. Weekly Bulletin Articles (Jim and Theresa Ghormley)

- i.** Jim started writing the articles this summer, and there was recently positive feedback from Parish Council. (People have noticed the column!)
- ii.** Other writers are invited – please coordinate with Jim.
- iii.** We also had discussion about an evangelization logo for use in the bulletin. Denise Kay had created several last spring, and we discussed which ones were our favorites. Denise will refine one of the designs and will forward to Laura for her thoughts about how to include.

b. Plan for unpacking Unleash the Gospel (“UTG”) (Susie and All)

- i.** Parish Council has started using the Reflection Guide modules at the monthly meetings.
- ii.** Evangelization hosted the October PC meeting and covered Module 1; Worship will be covering Module 2 in November. The goal is to involve all volunteers and staff who attend the Saturday morning chapel-commission-PC meetings in the discussion.

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

- i.** There was extensive discussion about running the ChristLife program this year. Clem took a look at the Sunday schedule at St. Mary’s, and there are a number of other activities using the available spaces. There was discussion about doing the program in host homes initially. Possible times could be Saturday or Sunday evening, or Saturday morning. There was feedback from previous years that Thursday evening – or any weeknight evening- is difficult for many people.
- ii.** The start time for Discovering Christ was also discussed. It was decided not to jump into a January start as previously discussed, but to bring these questions to the Parish Council in December. This needs to be a parish program, not just an Evangelization Committee program, and feedback is needed from other commissions.
- iii.** This program provides a “shallow entry point” as suggested by Archbishop Vigneron in his “Unleash the Gospel” pastoral letter.
- iv.** Susie committed to calling the founders of Christife for advice, and also to get information on Alpha, which is being used by some other parishes.

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

- i. There continues to be a small number of guests each week, and a few new regular prayers. Jennifer Stembridge will add the announcement to the website.

e. Christmas Book Giveaway: (Deb and All)

- i. Copies of “Perfectly Yourself” by Matthew Kelly have been ordered, and will arrive in early December. At the December PC, George will ask for helpers to stack the books, and to distribute the books after Christmas masses.
- ii. Beth suggested that we put together a bookmark for the books: One side would be a personal message about “unleashing the gospel,” and the other side would be contact information and times for the parish. Proposed language would be something like “Welcome! Please accept this gift, and use it with the best wishes of St. Mary’s of the Hills parish to grow your faith, unleash the gospel and be transformed into a joyful missionary disciple!” Deb will look for the template for the bookmark used with a previous book give-away.
- f. Beth is looking into using the Dynamic Catholic “Best Advent Ever.”

3. Project Updates: (7:15 – 8:00)

Number	Title	Leaders	Status
1	Library	Karen/ Louise	<p>Karen and Louise spent a great deal of time organizing and cleaning up the library. They instituted a color-code system based on the book’s purpose, such as “How to Grow Your Faith.” There will be free giveaways of pamphlets, etc. on the bottom shelf. Thank you Karen and Louise.</p>
2	St. Paul Street Evangelization	Mark / Denise	<p>The Rochester chapter of SPSE has been active and growing, including the following:</p> <p>For Rochester St. Paul St. Evangelization, I will bring updates on what our group is doing or been doing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held end of outdoor season dinner on 10/26, • Awaken resource table on 10/20 and coming up on 11/10, • Attended AOD gospel music event on 11/5 "My Soul Says YES", • Matchan Soup Kitchen-Pontiac on 10/24, resource table, and • Continue to add members, from other CC's <p>Members were present at Spooktacular in Royal Oak, with lots of people in attendance; they gave away many rosaries.</p>

3	Contacting New Parishioners	Beth & Theresa	Beth is contacting Lisa to get the list of new parishioners to make the phone calls. Hugh and Denise represented Evangelization at the October Newcomer's dinner.
4	Vocations Committee	Susie	No update. The vocations committee is resting between Evangelization and Education. There has been discussion about finding a new volunteer to lead this ministry. Karen pointed out that anyone can subscribe to the Sacred Heart Major Seminar newsletter, with information about what is going on there.
5	Yard Signs	Karen, Jay	Tabled until spring. The proposal is to buy yard signs for parishioners. We would need to present this at Parish Council and get Father Stan's approval. The slogans and cost are TBD.
6	EvC representatives to the Commissions	GOAL IS 2 per Commission	Christian Service – Karen Education - Susie Fellowship – Jay, Denise, Carol B Stewardship – Clem, Mark Worship – Beth and Hugh
7	Prayer Teams	Beth and Hugh	Beth and Hugh have talked to the Worship Commission. Discussion is ongoing.
8	Nametag Sunday	Beth and Worship Commission	The idea is to give parishioners a nametag on their way into mass, and encourage them to greet each other by name. It may be better to do this in warmer weather, because we can send people outdoors with the clipboards to give out the nametags.
9	Bulletin Column	Theresa, Jim	There is good material and inspiring stories from SPSE.
10	Electronic Sign proposal	George	There are a number of repair items requiring use of parish resources, but the electronic sign is still planned.

4. Roundtable Announcements (8:00-8:15)

- a. Choir concert here and Awaken both on November 10.
- b. Karen went on the church tour in Detroit. She recommends it for the beauty of the churches.

5. Closing Prayer Beth

Remaining meetings:

SMOTH Evangelization Committee (2nd Wednesdays)	SMOTH Parish Council	Prayer Leader for the Parish Council Meeting
Nov. 8, EOF	Nov. 18	Worship
Dec. 13, EOF	Dec. 17	Christian Service
Jan. 10, EOF	Jan. 20	Education
Feb. 14, EOF	Feb. 17	Stewardship
Mar. 14, EOF	Mar. 17	Finance
Apr. 11, EOF	Apr. 21	Fellowship
May. 9, EOF	May. 19	Youth
Jun. 13, EOF	Jun. 16	Staff