

## Evangelization Team Meeting Minutes 9/11/22

Present: Sam Black, Mac Feldman, Joey Glass, Chad Allard, Kelly O'Connell, Kris Hurst, Jean Bean, Lauren Keiper, Jack Devones, Erin O'Connell, Lorraine Blanck

After welcoming our guest, Sam gave a history and purpose of the Evangelization Team. Following opening prayer and introductions, time was spent with the Blessed Sacrament.

Reflections include:

- There is a need to go do something—usually to speak to someone (usually an uncomfortable thing to do, but God pushes us to the uncomfortable).
- Prayer intentions for others allow us to open our hearts to people.
- A prayer was answered today with a young couple showing up for Mass.
- God takes sinners to be His helpers.
- Our time on earth can't be wasted—do not be afraid to do and live life without regrets.
- Prayer intentions have been focused on families. There is a feeling of being honored when others ask us to pray for them.

Follow up on action items:

- Growing Christian friendships monthly plan—Committee members have doing these activities and need to determine what and how we roll this out to the parish.

Steps for helping Christian friendship grow is based on John 15:12-17 and calls on existing friendships to have intentional monthly activities with an accountability partner.

*At least, once a month do these with a friend:*

- 1 *Eucharistic Adoration*
- 2 *Lectio Divina (Bible Sharing)*
- 3 *Outreach to another group at your parish*
- 4 *Outreach to somebody/group outside the parish*
- 5 *Rosary*
- 6 *Confession*
- 7 *Do something fun together*
- 8 *Day of testimony & reflection (How did I receive Christ from others, and how did I bring Christ to others?)*

A relationship with someone makes it easier to invite someone to be an accountability partner—otherwise it is very much outside most people's comfort zones. Some are looking for that invite, to be a part of something. We must continue to introduce ourselves to those we don't know. We can be comfortable talking with strangers about all kinds of things, except our eternity. There is a perceived risk of a negative reaction when approaching a stranger. Are 8 items every month too hard to do? Maybe cut down the 'number'? Or does this encourage interactions and improve connection? It's not about the number of things, but the quality of them. Current partners would then reach out to another for the same type of activities.

- Committee has been reading the 99 Handbook—how can this be utilized effectively?

- Engaging RE families is a space challenge. We need to take advantage of these touchpoints—maybe Zoom meetings? Or meet in the rectory garage during 3 through 8 class times. First Communion and Confirmation parents could gather during their students' class time.
- The Help Box is being used but very minimally. Could we add a digital help box to the website? Announce in the bulletin and follow up with Flocknote ticklers.

Other matters:

- Evangelization Team will host the December Novena. We need to determine what our committee wants to teach each evening. Evangelizing as a teen, priest, father, single person, etc. was suggested. Would this be a good time to roll out the growing in friendship plan? Keep in mind that this Novena is during Advent. We will pray on this in our time with the Blessed Sacrament in October.
- Dawn Lane has resigned from the committee.

**Action items:** Reflect on growing Christian friendships and the December Novena teaching.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2022 at 11:30 am.