

## Evangelization Meeting- July 7, 2016

Present: John G., Mariana H., Kathy B. Bernice B., Alvira B., Linda W., Donna P.

Absent: Fr. Shaun, Joan S., Sandy W-M

Next meeting: Monday, July 11, at 6:30 pm with Finance Committee and Pastoral Council

### **Social for Young Families of Recently Baptized**

Old grill has been disposed of and new grill purchased. John will get new gas tanks. Kathy has purchased a cover. Grill to be stored inside for safekeeping. Tanks must be stored outside.

Kathy B. to call families on July 21 to invite to cookout

Donna P. to prepare save-the-date postcard to go out after calls are made

Food to be purchased Aug. 17-18 (tbd who will do the shopping)

John to arrange entertainment for young children

### **Appreciation Dinners**

Date for first dinner set for Friday, October 14, starting at 6:00 pm. This dinner will include those involved in catechesis, collectors, counters, greeters, choirs, gardeners, altar decorators, church cleaners, sacristans. Head count = approx. 129.

Date for second dinner to be held in January will be set after the first dinner takes place. Second dinner to include food pantry and weekend meal volunteers as well as those at the Congregational Church who work on the Take & Eat program. Head count = approx. 78.

Decision made to forego use of caterer and prepare a spaghetti dinner on our own as we did for the first appreciation night.

Kathy B., Linda W., and Bernice B. to begin work on the Oct. 14 meal. Mariana will send out email invitations and written invitations as needed. Invitations to be sent Sept. 15 with request for RSVP to Bernice by Oct. 3.

John to contact scouts to help with clearing tables, etc.

### **Appreciation Event for Youth Altar Servers**

John to work with Peter M. to arrange. (No discussion of this event at the July 7 meeting)

### **Diocesan Events**

John updated the team on 2 upcoming events that the diocese is planning:

Catholic Youth Family Day at Six Flags on August 16

Diocesan pilgrimage to be held at Camp Holy Cross on Sept. 10 to celebrate Year of Mercy

### **Cards**

Donna P. to work on design for card.

Mariana to coordinate getting names to Linda who will send card to family about a week after funeral.

Cards may also be sent to people who are ill.

### **Greeters**

Alvira talked to several people at 8:00 Mass and is waiting to hear back from them

No response to announcement in bulletin that we're aware of

### **Welcome packets**

Shared sample packet from Holyoke seminar with Alvira

Mariana to coordinate a meeting so that Alvira and Father can go over what Alvira has done to date

Kathy B to contact Karen Gionet of Liturgical Publications regarding cost of putting together packet like the sample we received

### **Seminar in Holyoke on June 22**

Fr. Shaun, John G., Bernice B., Pat J., Joan S., Ed S., and Donna P. attended "Building a Vibrant Parish" hosted by Liturgical Publications.

## Evangelization Meeting- August 1, 2016

Present: Father Shaun, Kathy Banas., Bernice Baranowski., Mariana Hynninen, Donna Paddock., Joan Smola., Linda Wiesner

Absent: John Gibbons

Next Meeting: Monday, August 15 at 10 a.m.

### **Cookout/Social for Young Families**

Event to be held outside at MHR on Sunday, August 21, from 5:30 - 6:30 (hamburgers/hot dogs, etc.)

Kathy called all families to invite.

Save-the-date postcards mailed on Aug. 1 (invitation list expanded to include all families with children in our faith formation program; original plan was to invite only those with children baptized in last 7 or 8 years)

Families asked to RSVP by Aug. 14

Kathy to manage party details

Mariana to arrange for plates, cups, etc.

John to arrange entertainment for young children

Fr. Shaun will do the welcome and blessing at the event

Discussed possibility of handing out questionnaires to families that attend so they can provide feedback on what we can do to attract and retain young families

Discussed possibility of having Evangelization team members talk with families about joining our team or attending some of our meetings to give us insight into how we can make MHR a more welcoming place for young families

### **Welcome Packets**

Kathy and Donna met with LPI rep Karen Gionet in July to get costs and more info about having LPI do welcome packets (including a directory of MHR programs) for us. Cost for 250 complete packets plus 250 partial packets = \$2500, which is more than we need and more than we want to spend. Smallest quantity we could order is 200 which is still more than we need.

Evangelization team decided that we could put together our own directory and have it copied at Amherst Copy for a reasonable price.

Joan to contact Alvira to let her know how we plan to proceed with directory and to ask Alvira to contact various groups to provide a description of what their group does so this info can be included in the directory.

Fr. Shaun will write a "welcome" message to include at the beginning of the directory.

Joan S. showed us a bookmark that she had gotten at a church she visited. Donna to look into having some done for MHR.

Donna to work on design for a "welcome" card to be put in pews and in vestibules.

### **Appreciation Event for Altar Servers**

Mariana to talk with Peter regarding a bowling and pizza party

### **Sympathy and Get Well Cards**

The team reviewed 2 designs Donna provided. Donna to incorporate suggestions and order some of each card.

### **Greeters**

Joan reported that Mr. and Mrs. Klesch had agreed to help as greeters at the 8:00 Mass on Sundays. Joan has also talked with another parish member who would be willing to help at 10:30 Mass when she is not teaching CCD.

Currently Robin Smolen is a greeter at 10:30 Mass. Mariana, Bernice and Linda have been helping as greeters at 5:00 Mass. Joan and Ed have also helped at 10:30 Mass.

Joan will continue to seek additional greeters.

### **Other**

Sandy Wentworth Miller has offered to help the team with events/projects but is unable to serve as a full-time member of the team.

We discussed posting meeting minutes/notes on our parish Web site.

Father reported that he and John are working on having some of our young parishioners train/serve as Eucharistic Ministers and Readers.