

**Monroe Vicariate Evangelization & Adult Faith Formation
Standing Committee Meeting, St. Anne Church, Newport, MI
November 4, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	
Gary Davis	(St. Mary, Monroe)	Marcia Burlen	(St. Joseph, Erie)
Gerald Demski	(St. Michael the Archangel)	Yvonne Davison	(St. John the Baptist)
Karen Flint	(St. Charles)	Kathleen DeFigueiredo	(St. Michael the Archangel)
Nancy Harwood	(St. Charles)	Donna Galante	(St. Mary, Rockwood)
Christine Jones	(St. Irene & St. Joseph, Ida)	Deacon Mike Ingels	(St. Mary, Monroe)
Mary Kolasinski	(St. Anthony)	Gayle Patterfritz	(St. Joseph, Monroe)
Dick & Sue Lajiness	(St. Anne, Monroe)	Mike Yales	(St. Joseph, Maybee)
Mary Pat Miller	(St. John the Baptist)	Christine Zaums	(Our Lady of Mount Carmel)
Kathy Stofka	(St. Joseph, Erie)		
Linda Wilson	(DRE Representative)		
		GUESTS	

Budget for current year \$3000. We have spent \$0 to date.

Meeting called to order by Dick Lajiness at 7:05 p.m. with a prayer and reflection led by Mary Kolasinski.

1. **New member** added as interim representative for Our Lady of Mount Carmel is Christine Zaums. Fran Nagley retired from committee and Christine Jones will be temporary representative in her place for St. Joseph-Ida.
2. **Minutes from 9/23/10 meeting** have been approved and sent to the Vicariate Pastoral Council.
3. **Goals and associated Objectives** as developed and revised are approved. *See below for the list of our Goals and Objectives.. Our approved Goals and Objectives will be put up on the Vicariate website.*
4. **Committee Objective for this Fiscal Year:** Discussion included the three programs, *Called and Gifted, Alpha Course, NET Retreat*, and/or the support of organized parish evangelization programs. It was decided that our committee, to encourage and support evangelization, will assist the funding of existing organized parish evangelization programs as our budget allows. This would strengthen evangelization in parishes as they develop discipleship. It was decided that the criteria to qualify for any funds from the EvanAFF Committee budget the parish program will need to meet the Vicariate EvanAFF Committee specified goals and objectives. For example, St. Joseph-Erie is considering doing the Alpha Course during Lent and St. John's may coordinate with them. If applied for assistance in funding, the Alpha course would qualify. Chris and Linda will work on designing an application form.
5. **Webpage:** Along with all other vicariate committees, we will submit information about the Monroe Vicariate EvanAFF Committee to be placed on the Monroe Vicariate website as requested. *See below the approved information for the website.*
6. **VPC Representative, Mary Kolasinski** reported on the last VPC meeting. Topics included the importance of consensus among the parishes rather than "voting"; encouragement to keep emphasis on evangelization; the new Roman Missal.
7. **Open Forum:**
 - St. Michael's Men's Club and St. Mary's "Awakening Faith" program will be gifting the book "Rediscovering Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly to parishioners at all their Christmas masses.
 - There is a study guide available as a *free download* to go along with the *Maintenance to Mission* book.
 - There will be a one day seminar (cost \$25) held at Fellowship Chapel, 12875 E. 14 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights, Saturday December 4th, for anyone interested in being trained to bring the Alpha Course into their parish (including how to train your Team to lead small groups, pastoral care and prayer ministry). Register by email smitchell@stjosephlakeorion.org; by phone 248-693-0440 ext. 219; or on the web at http://alphausa.org/Articles/1000066408/Getting_Started_Training.aspx
 - A meeting to learn about ENDOW will be Thursday next week. For information email Kathy DeFigueiredo defigdk@att.net or Judy Maten (AOD). **ENDOW** (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) is a program originally established in the Archdiocese of Denver. As a Catholic educational program, ENDOW brings women together to discover their God-given dignity and to understand their role in humanizing and transforming society. ENDOW utilizes small study groups, conferences and retreats to cultivate faith, fellowship and formation.

Website is <https://www.endowonline.com/>. The cost for an **ENDOW** class is \$60.00 per participant (with an additional \$2.50 for shipping and handling). A class will run 8-10 weeks .

8. ACTION STEPS:

- Chris and Linda will design an application form for requesting assistance for parish evangelization programs.
- Chris will submit our information for the Monroe Vicariate website.

The next meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne Parish Hall, Monroe.

The meeting was closed at 9:00 p.m. with prayer led by Dick Lajiness.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Jones

Information to be submitted for listing on the Vicariate website:



PURPOSE: The Monroe Vicariate Evangelization & Adult Faith Formation Standing Committee (Committee) exists to assist parishes in their development and operation of Evangelization Committees and to coordinate activities and programs which facilitate this process more effectively at the Vicariate level. The Committee also exists to coordinate Catechesis among the parishes with particular emphasis on Adult Faith Formation. Evangelization and formation/ catechesis are inseparable.

Definitions: To assure consistency in understanding of the meaning of Evangelization and Catechesis the following definitions are offered;

To evangelize is to bear witness, in a simple and direct way, to God revealed by Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. Evangelization, then, has different implications depending on our relationship to Jesus and His Church. For those of us who practice and live our Catholic faith, it is a call to ongoing growth and renewed conversion. For those who have accepted it in name, it is a call to re-evangelization. For those who have stopped practicing their faith, it is a call to reconciliation. For children, it is a call to be formed into disciples, through the family's faith life and religious education. For other Christians, it is an invitation to know the fullness of our message. For those who have no faith, it is a call to conversion to know Christ Jesus and thus experience a change to new life with Christ and His Church (Go and Make Disciples, 26, 27).

The fundamental task of catechesis is to achieve this objective: the formation of disciples of Jesus Christ. The ministry of catechesis, as an essential moment in the Church's mission of evangelization, is a fundamental ecclesial service for the realization of the missionary mandate of Jesus (National Directory for Catechesis, 53, 59, 63).

Goals and Objectives:

Goal #1: To assist the establishment, development and growth of an Evangelization Committee within each parish

Objectives:

- a) **Formation of parish members awareness of the Trinity and action of the Holy Spirit in their lives and community**
- b) **To promote cooperative support between priest, staff and all parishioners in implementing evangelization in the parish**
- c) **To develop awareness that evangelization is the umbrella under which all parish activities operate**

Goal #2: To echo through authentic Catholic teaching the call of Jesus Christ, and to encounter Him in grace through the sacraments, especially the Mass

Objectives:

- a) **Formation on encountering Jesus Christ in light of Vatican II**
- b) **Formation for parents in their essential role of evangelization within their family**

- c) **Formation to bring a realization that evangelization is the primary responsibility of all baptized persons**
- d) **Formation to develop a willingness and capacity to be open and vulnerable to the will of God in spreading the Good News**

Goal #3: To build up the body of Christ by supporting the dignity of the human person, the importance of family, and the common good of the whole vicariate

Objectives:

- a) **To promote Pope John Paul II's call for the unity of the Church**
- b) **To encourage interfaith dialog and prayer as an important aspect of unity within the body of Christ**
- c) **To encourage advocacy of human dignity, family and social justice as an important way of building up the body of Christ**
- d) **To encourage the cultivation of a welcoming community within and outside the parish**

Committee Members are: Marcia Burlen (St. Joseph-Erie); Gary Davis (St. Mary-Monroe); Yvonne Davison (St. John); Kathleen DeFigueiredo (St. Michael); Gerald Demski (St. Michael); Karen Flint (St. Charles); Donna Galante (St. Mary-Rockwood) Nancy Harwood (St. Charles); Deacon Mike Ingels (St. Mary-Monroe) Christine Jones (St. Irene); Mary Kolasinski (St. Anthony); Dick & Sue Lajiness (St. Anne); Mary Pat Milller (St. John); Fran Nagley (St. Joseph-Ida); Gayle Patterfritz (St. Joseph-Monroe); Kathy Stofka (St. Joseph-Erie); Linda Wilson (DRE, St. Joseph-Ida); Mike Yales (St. Joseph-Maybee & St. Patrick).