

PPC Meeting Notes, February 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Rund substituting for Eileen Arthur, Jacob George, Jennifer Jacobi, Father Patrick, Father Tom, Alex Eros, Jacki Sorensen, Pablo Malavenda substituting for Kristin Malavenda, Lesley Geldart, Melanie Papariella, Matt Arvin, Stephen Sehr, Pablo Davila, Joan Gentry, Bernie Davila, Pam Applegate, Keith Woeste, Lori Muhlenkamp, Lorraine Rund

ABSENT: Charlene Meyer

Meeting began with Father Patrick saying opening prayer.

Review minutes from January 2010: Six changes made: Jacki in error had an "e" on the end of her name, Pablo Davila's first name spelled Paul in error, Lori Muhlenkamp was added to the absentee list, Eileen Strater's last name was corrected, page 2 the word "asked" was amended to read "ask", and catholic was amended to read "Catholic".

Amended minutes were accepted by Keith Woeste

It was stated that Father Dan would preside at the 9am mass on Sunday, February 14, with reception following from 10-1 in Newman Hall.

Ash Wednesday upcoming service, February 17 agenda was discussed. PPC/PCS buttons would be distributed to all council members to wear as a welcoming and as an introductory tool. Services were stated: 7:00 am - mass, 9:30 am - word service only, 11:30 am - mass, 4:30 pm - word service only, 7:00 pm - mass presided by Bishop Higi, 9:00 pm - mass.

An informational welcoming card was created for distribution to every parishioner, student, and visitor attending Ash Wednesday service. In brief the card would identify an overview of activities and celebration times at STA, example: mass schedule, penances time, upcoming speakers, classes offered, retreats, stations of the cross and simple suppers. Question addressed if web address would be shown on the card.

Flocknotes.com was introduced and briefly explained: Individuals attending a service would be able to at the end of the service and text their email address to the phone number given during the announcements at the end of mass and immediately a message would be sent back to them. Flocknotes with a few profile addressing questions lets the church have a brief profile of the individual and how they prefer contact from the church, either email, face book, texting, etc., The Flocknotes brings you to STA web page allowing to view all the ministry opportunities and items

offered. This site also offers email mail address and contact names for staff and committee leaders.

PPC/PCS are being asked to sign up for assisting in distributing the welcoming cards after services at all door exits. An email spreadsheet will be available to sign up and we are encouraged to wear our PPC/PCS pins identifying ourselves and trying to cover all masses if possible. The PCS council members are asking students to help assist in this objective. The idea was discussed that the information welcoming cards be distributed during mass directly behind the collection basket.

Reminder given to all council members of the Haiti wine and cheese party on February 12, fundraiser for our sister parish in Baudin.

Alex Eros discussed the Stations of the Cross service starting February 19 with simple supper immediately following at 6pm in Newman Hall. The PPC has offered to initiate the first simple supper. A sign up sheet is available after this meeting to offer your contribution.

Bernie Davila discussed the presentation by Dr. Edward Sri on February 25 at 7pm in Newman hall. Dr. Sri a Catholic speaker and author, who appears regularly on EWTN. He is a theologian taught by the Dominicans in Rome, a professor of theology and scripture at the Augustine Institute Master's program in Denver, Colorado. The topic is titled "The New Sexual Revolution: Men, Women and the Mystery of Love.

Keith Woeste reminded the counsel of the February 24, Darwin meeting.

Alex Eros opened with comments regarding the evangelization exhortation of the Evangelii Nuntiandi document. Everyone within the church plays a role in evangelizing: lay people in their day to day lives in the community, PCS through campus renew, families within their homes.

Alex continued, there are two spheres of people active individuals within the church and non-active or non-Catholic.

Another individual made connections of similarities the from the exhortation to the prologue of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is three areas:

- Section 1 paragraph 3 "Those who with God's help have welcomed Christ's call and freely responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ's faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer."

- Section 4 “Quite early on, the name catechesis was given to the totality of the Church's efforts to make disciples, to help men believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name, and to educate and instruct them in this life, thus building up the body of Christ.”
- Section 8 “Periods of renewal in the Church are also intense moments of catechesis.”

It was addressed through several individuals that the *Evangelii Nuntiandi* was a difficult read in trying to grasp the full meaning.

Many times when we hear the term evangelization our hackles go up, we become nervous or our guard goes up.

Keith Woeste indicated that prayer is a form of evangelization. God works through us just as we are.

Pablo indicated that the term evangelization can make us feel lacking in confidence within our self to fulfill this command.

Our personal witness within our day to day lives can in and of itself be a witness of evangelization.

Alex Eros commented in 1975 the church talked about using mass media to evangelize. (Interesting that the term mass media was used prior to: cell phones, internet, cable, etc.,)

Alex also commented on an evangelization opportunity he had with a co-worker and how he felt that he did not take full advantage of that opportunity.

He challenged the council to talk with someone new that they hadn't spoken with before either before or after the next mass they attend, sit in a different spot or to attend a different mass. Go outside that comfort zone and extend ones self.

Matt Arvin talked about bumper cards. You have a card and when you met someone new you pass off the card to that individual and that same card over time continues to be passed through many, many hands. Alex asked Matt if he could bring a proposal to the next meeting how this social experience would work.

Father Patrick talked about impressions people have on evangelization a) it is a process b) it is a responsibility. Evangelization is beyond modeling, how are we going to go beyond modeling? We can not be passive in this attempt.

Father Patrick talked about St. Pius V and how they integrate their actions from the *Evangelii Nuntiandi* within their community. Within a given block in their community you will find a small faith sharing community. Every Friday night you'll have the street block off

and a mass will be celebrated right on the street. They look after their neighbors within that block.

Pablo Malavveda indicated that it would be a good idea to have a brain storming session where we as the council just take about 10 minutes and throw out ideas. Alex asked if Pablo even though he was sitting in for Kristin this month would come back in March and facilitate the 10 to 15 minute brain storming session. Pablo indicated that he would.

Father Tom concluded that meeting with the closing prayer.