

# **ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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## **Evangelization Commission Minutes October 15, 2016**

**Present:** Connie Kramer, Christine Bak, Fr. Andrew, Dave Zarrelli, Theresa Nunney

**Absent:** Jerry Tomasheski, Ken Williams, Tom Banner, Chris Nagel, Vince Farrell, Larry Zigmund

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Meeting was opened with a Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila in honor of her Feast Day	
<b>Gospel Reflection</b>	The Gospel for the 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lk 18: 1-8) was read and reflected upon.	
<b>Welcome</b>	Theresa Nunney was welcomed as a visitor who is interested in sharing her thoughts about the importance of developing our current parishioners in the work of evangelization.	Theresa was invited to return as a visitor or a commission member as her interest and time allows
<b>Old Business</b>	<p><u>Catholics Coming Home</u> The committee met to discuss advertising which will begin November 6 and will include bulletin articles and flyers, pulpit announcements, parish website and social media posts, flyers for PSR families and day school family folders, North Ridgeville Press ad, Diocesan Newsletter ad and Evangelization Website posting, and info on our electronic sign. Tom talked to Fr. Bob about including information in his column and adding related intercessions to the prayers of the faithful. Fr. Bob agreed to include it in his Christmas Day column and will consider including in intercessions occasionally. We will also be contacting parishioners who live or own businesses on the main roads in North Ridgeville to ask if we can place yard signs on their properties. Tom spoke with Jimmy Gammalo about giving a witness talk, and he agreed. Tom is scheduled to meet with Fr. George on Wednesday to discuss promoting the program at St. Julie's. Connie offered to help with anything that she can do on her own time schedule such as delivering signs.</p> <p><u>Welcome Cards</u> There is a welcome message in the bulletin each week: "A Special Note to Guests of St. Peter's We extend a very warm welcome to those of you visiting St. Peter parish. We would like to help you in any way we can. If you have a question or would like to know more about St. Peter's, please contact us at the Parish Center (440 327-2201) or complete a Welcome Card which are on the tables at the doors of the church. The Welcome Cards</p>	<p>Tom to meet with Fr. George on Oct. 19. Committee will meet again on November 1. Promo begins Nov. 6</p> <p>No action required</p>

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	<p>can be placed in the collection basket or handed to a priest or an usher. A member of our staff will call you promptly. We thank you for worshiping with us and hope to see you again."</p> <p><u>Telephone Outreach</u> Connie reported that she gave Christine Stefanek the old phone list she had been working off of so that it can be updated. Connie will send a letter to 5 or 6 people inviting them to a meeting at her home to gauge their interest in this ministry and set a schedule.</p> <p><u>Stewardship and Evangelization Workshop</u> Chris Bak, Keith Bak, and Connie Kramer to attend Saturday November 12. Fr. Andrew to attend on Friday November 11.</p>	<p>Connie to form committee and set schedule</p> <p>Chris Bak to complete registration</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p><u>Council Report</u>—Dave Fr. Bob to orchestrate a unified vision for the parish centered on the 3 Cs—Conversion, Community, and Commission</p> <p><u>Staff Report</u>—Fr. Andrew Fr. Bob is actively working toward clarity and development of a vision for parish life at St. Peter's. Parish groups should not press pause on initiatives while the vision is refined, but recognize that new initiatives may or may not be helpful to the growth of the parish. We should be diligent in communicating between commission and parish council.</p> <p><u>Promoting Evangelization</u>—Chris B. Chris Bak asked for feedback about integrating evangelization and discipleship in to the culture of the parish by promoting it in the bulletin, on the website, and on social media with quotes, links, and other information.</p> <p>Dave offered some ideas for postings.</p>	<p>Informational—no action required</p> <p>Informational—no action required</p> <p>Chris Bak to formulate a more detailed proposal with examples for Fr. Andrew to consider.</p> <p>Dave to send ideas to Chris B.</p>

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<p><b>Work Session— Formulating a Proposal</b></p>	<p>We began with a general discussion that focused on three themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Personal encounter with Christ and the response it evokes,</li><li>2. Engaging people in the life of the Church, and</li><li>3. Unifying belief among Catholics</li></ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. -People who are not involved in the life of the parish may still be deeply connected to Christ and the Church but are responding by expressing it out in the world. For those who have not had a personal encounter with Christ, connection to parish life can facilitate a deeper relationship with Christ.</li><li>2. -Engaging people in the life of the church gives people an opportunity to share their faith within the Church community making it easier to eventually share faith outside the community as well. -Engage younger people through homilies at the family Masses that specifically address the needs and experience of parents and children. -Engaging people takes persistence. As a general rule, people need to be invited at least 5 times before they respond. -Connie reminisced about how Fr. Doug would engage people in conversation before Mass in the pews.</li><li>3. Many times Catholics are not unified in belief especially about social issues. The sanctity of life was discussed as an example of how differing beliefs divide us. Theresa suggested that we could educate on life issues and at the same time create a connection between parishioners by journeying with expectant families through support and prayer at each stage of the pregnancy.</li></ol> <p>Tom Banner typed out his thoughts on Goal #1 which were read by Chris Bak in his absence. See attachment—Tom Banner on Goal #1</p> <p>Chris Bak addressed Tom's concern that trying to do too much will overwhelm busy commission members and lead to burn out. Concern about the logistics of an idea should not limit our vision. Timing and personnel can be worked out. The commission's primary role is one of planning. The work of evangelization will be carried out by engaged disciples who are being formed in a collaborative effort of all parish groups, organizations, committees, and commissions.</p> <p>Chris Bak drafted a rough proposal of possible recommendations to present to council based on the commission's discussion of goal #1 at the September meeting. See attachment—Evangelization Proposals for Goal #1. Discussions notes can be found in the margin.</p>	<p>This idea needs to be revisited for a possible referral to the Pro-Life committee. Jerry?</p> <p>Commission Members who were absent from the meeting will review the proposal</p>
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		draft/comments and forward feedback to Chris B. by November 1 <sup>st</sup> . Chris B. to reformulate the proposal to incorporate feedback with the hope of reaching a consensus on the revised proposal in order to get it to Dave for inclusion on the November Council Agenda.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	November 19, 2016 in the Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. The agenda for November will depend heavily on whether or not we can get a proposal for goal #1 finalized via email conversation in time to be included on Council's November Agenda.	Committee Reports and Agenda items due by Friday November 11 <sup>th</sup> November Agenda will be emailed on November 13.
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Fr. Andrew led Commission members in prayer.	

Submitted by,

**Christine Bak**  
Evangelization Commission Chairperson