



# P.E.A.P.

## Parish Evangelization Action Plan

Quarterly Report for December 31, 2019, updated for March 1, 2020

Note: Being that the quarterly report for December 31<sup>st</sup> was never formally approved, herein presents an updated report submitted for approval.

### **Section I – Introduction and Purpose**

This memorandum serves to document the operating plans of the Evangelization Committee of St. Anselm Catholic Church in Madisonville in order to meet the priorities and goals set forth in the 9<sup>th</sup> General Synod “Implementation, Strategies, Plans, and Resources,” last updated April 2018.

The three priority directives for our committee from the archdiocese are as follows:

1. Form welcoming communities who celebrate our unity in diversity;
2. Embrace Christ in every family and ministry; and
3. Minister to families, youth and young adults.

The theme of the 9<sup>th</sup> Synod, “Encountering Jesus, Witnessing with Joy,” should be exercised as a guiding frame of mind while implementing the strategies and actions taken by the Evangelization Committee.

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### **Section II – Overall Content**

The Evangelization Committee is strategizing to meet the objectives of the Synod in these concise ways:

1. increasing hospitality – via a Welcome Committee, New Parishioner Welcome Packets, and Pew Cards; and
2. increasing involvement – via reaching out through literature and media in new ways to inspire parishioners, especially our young families, to get more involved in our ***existing*** programs.

## **Section II – Strategies Implemented and in Process**

1. **Welcome Packets** – Deacon Pat has completed an extensive Welcome Packet for all new parishioners. They are beautiful, large, glossy books with over 30 pages and contain a plethora of information about our parish. We will deliver a Welcome Packet to each new parishioner when they join. Members of our Legion of Mary praesidium have volunteered to hand-deliver, or send with handwritten cards, packets to each new parishioner. They have volunteered to do this as an on-going ministry effort. For all new parishioners in 2019 or anyone who still considers themselves “new” parishioners, we will hold a Welcome Kaffeeklatsch to hand out the books and make acquaintances sometime in January 2020. Then we will hold quarterly Welcome Kaffeeklatsches after morning services on Sunday. We have requested announcements to be made to request volunteers
2. **Greeters/Welcome Committee** – We currently have regular greeters at two of our five masses on the weekends, but not enough to cover every door. We have had at times during 2018-2019 more greeters who have not been able to continue greeting. Parishioners seem to appreciate having greeters as many have outwardly expressed their delight. A new system for signing up to be a rotating greeter is being designed utilizing our website and a web-based signup application. We have requested announcements to be made to request volunteers.
3. **Pew Cards** – We designed pew cards based on the model sent from the Office of Evangelization and put them in place during Lent 2019. They were meant to be turned in to the office if reader wants more information. This model was not successful for our parish as evidenced by the lack of interest. We are currently redesigning our pew cards to include information and contact recommendations that parishioners can take home. The cards will also have an inspirational message for the appropriate season.
4. **Faith Enrichment** – In general, our building and facilities are not ideal for increasing our attendance in classes due to lack of available rooms and space, lack of access, and other facilities-related impediments. However, we are conducting studies on a regular basis as a result of long-time dedicated facilitators as follows:
  - a. **Daytime classes** – We have ongoing weekday morning Bible and/or Church history studies. They are usually 6 to 10 weeks. Our studies during Fall 2019 have been a great success. Danielle Daigle facilitates a new Bible study by Scott Hahn which runs from January through May 2020.

- b. Evening classes – Currently we have only Wednesday evenings available in the church for a small group study. In the summer we have more space available. Our Summer 2019 class was very successful. We will host a short-term study starting in Lent, subject to approval of a Henri Nouwen book study facilitated by Elizabeth Moore. We do not have any studies any other evenings due to the lack of available space.
5. Book Expo – We have a great store of spiritual books for adults and children that we would like to allow parishioners to borrow and/or give away. We held an ad hoc Book Expo one Sunday in October and gave away more than 65 books and CDs. We are planning to hold another Book Expo before Easter 2020. We are also considering setting up a small display shelf permanently for children’s picture books to be kept in the entrance hall. The shelf and the children’s books are donated.
6. Website & Social Media – Our website has been improved and updated as of Summer 2018 and further enhanced in Fall 2019. It is more accessible from a mobile phone, and it contains necessary links and information for parishioners to get connected to our parish and the archdiocese. We have implemented Facebook and Instagram for social media contact and also enabled My Parish App for our parish. Deacon Pat Wellmeyer is the Media Administrator.
7. Hands-On Ministries – Our parish responds to the call to serve the archdiocese across our political parish boundaries. Father Dave Caron asked all Evangelization Coordinators in our archdiocese to help with the Mission of Mercy ministry. We sent two representatives in Fall 2019 to New Orleans to help at the Second Harvest Food Bank. The work session ended with a deeply inspirational meditation of the teachings of Jesus in St. Matthew’s gospel. Our committee will be instructing volunteers in a similar manner when we are next present at our parish ministries’ events.
8. Upcoming Meetings – Our next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Section IV – Future Ideas for Development**

1. TMIY Program – We are in the development stage of implementing “That Man Is You” and target starting in Fall 2020. Our core of leaders has not yet been identified and that is the next step.
2. Coloring Pages – Take-home coloring pages to go with the mass readings had been very well received during the final two months of 2018 and first month of 2019. Considered as a trial-run for a continual ministry to our

youngest parishioners, we have proven its viability if pages are handed out before or after mass by a greeter. Thus, the success of “Coloring Pages” as an on-going activity is solely dependent upon our Welcome Committee which we are in the process of reforming.

**Section V – Identified Strengths and Weaknesses**

To be revised and updated in a future quarter.

**Section V – Committee Membership**

The following persons have been participants in past meetings and programs related to Evangelization and thus are considered members of the committee. We will begin a new membership drive after New Year’s.

Elizabeth Moore, coordinator	
Melanie Arnold	Marie Giambellucca
Danielle Daigle	Aaron Guidry
Susan Burke	Michael Piazza
David Burke	Amy Schega
Tiffany McGooley	Angelle Sims