



## Ministry Report: Communications & Evangelization

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1. What have you accomplished or worked on this month? What events or activities have you sponsored or presented? (please include numbers of participants and helpers)

New Parishioner Orientation – Since Jan, 17 families have joined the parish. Janet Mogab contacted these family a few time by phone and then by letter inviting them to the NPO. Though 5 families said they would come, only one person attended the Apr. 30 session along with 8 council members, volunteers, staff & clergy. The attendance at the last two quarterly sessions has been 4 & 2 new parishioners. The Evangelization Team (Janet, Julia Russo and I) have concluded that we need to look at something different. Janet will be calling the 17 new families again to talk with them about what they need and how we can get to know each other. We feel that personal conversation over a few months may help start a relationship. Therefore, we will not be holding NPO in Aug but tentatively scheduling a Greet Meet and Eat for early Oct. Stay tuned for more info.

Welcome Information Centers – Response to recruiting new information ministers has been very positive. Hope to train 6 new ministers and learn best practices from current ministers at session Mon. 5/15 and Thu. 5/18. Just in time for summer and self-service, display racks will soon be installed.

Pentecost and Fall Seasonal Themes – Meeting with leaders and teams to design, promote and communicate the theme and how it is lived out in our faith lives over time.

CMA/Evangelizing Calls – Our parish has received a special gift from the Holy Spirit; a reward for working together and personally sharing our gifts for the good of our Catholic Church. The prize: our parish has reached our \$220,000 CMA goal. All are invited and encouraged to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving on Tue. July 11 at 11:30 Mass or offer prayers of thanksgiving.

Website – Thanks to our teen parishioner volunteer, weekly maintenance and enhancements continue. Take a look at the site if you haven't been there in a while. Over summer break, our teen volunteer and I hope to have time with high school student, Tyler Malley to add bells and whistles. Stay Tuned.

2. What are the current or active plans and dreams you are currently working on or discussing??

Novena to the Holy Spirit – Starts Thur. 5/25 and ends on Pentecost Sun. 6/4. For these nine days people will be encouraged to pray with prayer cards or through a daily email blast. This novena was first made at the direction of Our Lord when He sent his apostles back to Jerusalem to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit on the 1<sup>st</sup> Pentecost. This is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church.