

## **ST. KATERI EVANGELIZATION NOTES TO PARISH COUNCIL – March 2016**

**...”rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4)**

**BAPTISM MINISTRY:** There were no baptisms during lent, but now there will be nearly 20 in the next couple of months! The enthusiastic, faith-filled and energetic team of 5 couples could use some help in this important ministry (which was featured in the Christmas bulletin). They have felt led to offer their time to reach out in peer ministry to families having a child baptized - to help with any questions beforehand; to sit with them / help on the day of the baptism; as well as to follow up after the sacrament. This totally fits with the mission statement to invite and welcome all, and to share and live out the Gospel message. The ministry also fits with the desire that people not get “lost”, but assimilated into the parish community after a sacrament; indeed - don't we all hope for good follow-up after all the sacraments? \*\*First, the team could use some more people – with everyone's schedule quite busy, more willing hands would be a blessing. Also, the baptism ministry team would find it helpful if there could be more and clearer communication and support from parish staff. Many thanks!

### **NEW PARISHIONERS' ORIENTATION (NPO)– April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30 AM in SC Newcomb Center**

This has developed into a regular pattern – the first Sunday of alternate months, rotating the sites. There is good flow and collaboration between staff (who gets the names, and sends out the letters of invitation), and the evangelization “NPO” team which makes phone calls, and follows up. Any Parish council members are welcome to attend; if you are not available for the NPO on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the next one will be Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> at SMM site, at 12:15 in the Father Rosse room.

### **“WOMEN WEAVING the WORD” – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - SC Newcomb Center**

The theme was, “the Joy of Mercy”, and nearly 70 women attended his event, sponsored in collaboration with Social Ministries. There was a speaker from Willow Domestic Violence Center. Eight boxes and several bags of toiletries and bedding was collected for this good cause. There was also a Scripture meditation on “JOY”, followed by refreshments, and optional crafts. It was a good afternoon of “connections” and fellowship!

**WELCOME CENTERS:** Father Paul has given permission/ blessing to proceed! He has sent out a proposal with several phases of the project to be gradually implemented, in keeping with financial constraints. There will be further discussion this month, and updates to follow

In the peace and joy of our Risen Savior, Kyra Niklewicz