

Evangelization Commission Minutes
October 15, 2008

The Evangelization Commission met on Wednesday, October 15 in the rectory dining room. Those in attendance included Don Sims, Mary Lou Peters, Bob Rumping, Father Ed, and Mary Jo Masterson. Chris Maurer was excused. The meeting opened with a prayer for elections read by Don Sims.

Under committee reports, Bob asked if we could continue to look for ways to provide adult education. He noted that there were many social events listed on the calendar but no new religious education opportunities.

Mary Lou reported that she continues to schedule visits to new parishioners registered during the summer months. She has received reports back from five visits, all having gone well. She won't schedule visits from mid-November to mid-January due to the busyness during the holidays. Father Ed has the list of inactive parishioners and is working on a script for the ambassadors to use in making contact with them. We would like to accomplish this by the end of November.

Mary Jo shared information from the School of Evangelization that she and Deacon Dick attended earlier in the month. The Alpha program and Bible study were two ways that were encouraged for use in parishes. It was also recommended that there be opportunities for testimony of faith conversion. Fr. Ed said that several ACTS retreatants are scheduled to speak at this weekend's Masses. One of the speakers at the School said that the best evangelization tool used at his parish was to have all adults go through the RCIA program. Fr. Ed asked if we could get more information on how this was done. We agreed to invite Bob Carroll to attend one of our future meetings to share information on the success of Alpha. Several members of the commission took literature from the School to read. Mary Jo will eventually put these materials in the parish library.

The next meeting will be November 19, at 7:30 p.m.