

Mt. Irenaeus Young Alum Group
Meeting April 12, 2021

“This is a wonderful, unselfconscious, portrait of the growth and the way to sustain one of our new ministries.” – Dan Riley, ofm

Short term plan:

Monthly evenings May-August
Series - Sept/Oct
Advent/New Year
Lent

We discussed summer dates as the third Wednesday of the month which would be May 19th, June 16th, July 21 and August 18th

A few best practices named were, using the Sunday Gospel from the week before or after the evening. Also if we have more than 14 people, ensure intros are under 2 minutes per person, if over 20 people, break into small groups.

We also discuss expanding the circle of leadership. It seems like people were leaning more toward identifying affiliates to help with readings, prayers etc. Names floated include Erin Farrell, Ali Leis, Kelly Eschberger or Natalie Wasek. We also discussed have people step in and join us in full leadership capacity but didn't cover details. Either option may lend itself to a rotation of leadership allowing leaders the opportunity to be full participants at times too.

Additional adds to explore:

Summary of evening - Share reading, quote, and call to action via Facebook group, possibly also email and Instagram or on the website, could call "Last Night's Leftovers." We can also use these avenues to invite people to share prayer intentions if they are unable to join the evening. Need to build recipe to this to make it sustainable.

How do we measure success? Attendance, number of people share or participating, the longevity of evenings where people show up or do we need to measure success in this work?

Long-term considerations - How can this ministry work in alignment with Mt on The Road, can and how can we coordinate schedules to support both ministries?

As mentioned after May 1 - the end of June I'm going to step back. I hope to attend the evenings but don't feel confident I can be reliable for leadership roles. I do plan to return to support in July.

Things to cover in my absence:

1) Zoom link - you can either you the previous link I have shared or get a think from Mike

- 2) Music, sharing sound via zoom is simple, click share screen, go to advanced settings and select audio only
- 3) Mountain Marketing - Work with Mary Giardini to create a flyer for the event, include zoom link and prompt her to send out
- 4) Create event for Facebook page, automatically distributed to all members
- 5) Set and coordinate planning meeting, I usually check in with Fr Dan to discuss readings and themes
- 6) Lead planning event, track and distribute leadership roles

I know this was a long email, lots of good stuff happening. Again happy to support if we want to have another meeting before the end of the month. If planning for May 19th happens after May 1st, I, unfortunately, won't be able to help or support.

Thanks, God Bless and let me know if you have thoughts, questions etc.

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