

**Conversation/Topic:** ATTRACTING LAPSED CATHOLICS

**Convenor:** (Not identified)

**Scribe:** (Not identified)

**Other Members:**

David Close, Tony Brady, Theresa A-Martin, Esme Tiernen, Patricia Whitten, Patricia Jake, Paula Price

**Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:**

- Build relationships and engage with them;
- Poor expectations of people – how do we make people feel part of a community/
- Combining activities, including Mass;
- Teaching the faith to adults and youth – promoting understanding;
- Ultimately lead these groups back to Mass.
- Reasons why? Mass boring, not being heard, people have been hurt.

**Action/Strategies:**

- Youth and parents.
- Find them – word of mouth, internet.
- Groups – small groups, family groups, walking pastoral group, youth groups
- Go out to meet people in the street
- Activities for family – need not only be Mass

**Ongoing Conversation:**

**Interested Participants:**

**Conversation/Topic:** GENERAL EVANGELISATION

**Convenor:** (Not identified)

**Scribe:** Christine Tyler

**Other Members:**

Joan Wilson, Han Healy, Sharon Murphy, Zophia Slupik

**Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:**

- Each individual has the opportunity to do mission and outreach in a daily context;
- Look for the opportunity to develop an awareness of ways to be more open to say God's words and to reach out to others in less than usual (church) environments;
- Understanding of "missioning" needed as a way of life, e.g. students are being introduced to their possibility/reality by joining in SRE teaching in State schools (e.g. St Mary's and St Francis High Schools);
- Look for the Spirit who is moving always and offering chances;
- Need to look past evangelising "our own Catholics" – e.g. joint denominational SRE covers more with the Good News;
- Outreach to youth with more vigour in liturgy/music;
- Outreach to other faiths, united in shared beliefs.

**Action/Strategies:**

- Accept individual responsibility and belief in themselves;
- Look for opportunities to be confident that God will offer them;
- Reach past "only Catholics" to other faiths and to children who would not otherwise hear any "Good News";

**Ongoing Conversation:**

- Develop the confidence of each individual that every one of us is called to proclaim the Good News (our mission) and has the ability to outreach.

**Interested Participants:**

- Need to "walk the talk" – example of living provides proof.

**Conversation/Topic:** MISSION AND OUTREACH  
RCIA

**Convenor:** Loretta Lynch

**Scribe:**

**Other Members:**

David Close, Fr Tony Brady, Therese Martin, Esme Tiernen, Sr Patricia Whitten, Paula Price, Patricia Jake

**Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:**

- Build relationships, engage with them;
- Poor expectations of people – how do we make people feel part of a community?
- Combining activities, including Mass;
- Teaching the faith to adults and youth – promoting understanding;
- Ultimately lead these groups back to Mass – leave it be

**Action/Strategies:**

**Ongoing Conversation:**

**Interested Participants:**

**Conversation/Topic: SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE CHURCH –  
A Public Position on Key Issues**

**Convenor:** Ian Ross-Gowan

**Scribe:**

**Other Members:**

Patricia Low, Philomena Thomas, Maureen Frize, Steve Meadows, Albert Standing, Angela Ryan, Joseph McCarthy, Christine Brooks, Paula O’Neill

**Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:**

- Communication and linkage;
- Mission waiting for action;
- How to be inclusive and inviting to get the small “C” Catholics and average people involved?
- Key issue public statements;
- Local –v- national –v- international.

**Action/Strategies:**

- Aurora presence and bulletin presence
- Junior Social Justice team
- Better communication and linkage between organisations and groups
- Permanent representative from CatholicCare on Social Justice Council
- Email to people interested to start establishing a network.

**Ongoing Conversation:**

**Interested Participants:**

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**Conversation/Topic:** MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Convenor:**

**Scribe:**

**Other Members:**

**Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:**

- Alpha course (resources?)
- Parish newsletter
- Lifeline telephone number
- Intranet
- Open churches
- Welcoming
- Follow up letter to parents

**Action/Strategies:**

**Ongoing Conversation:**

**Interested Participants:**