



- 2/8 Strategic Planning Committee meeting
- In-Service Committee meeting
- CAR Board Meeting
- 2/10 Formation Committee meeting
- 2/11 Awakening Faith – Session 5
- CAN Works Workshop at UWP
- 2/15 DRE meeting
- 2/16 Principals’ meeting
- Social Justice Committee meeting
- 2/17 Meeting with Laura – strategic plan
- 2/18 Awakening Faith – Session 6
- Meeting with Racine Vocational Ministries
- 2/21 Collaborative RCIA – Rite of Election
- 2/22 Meeting with Laura - strategic plan
- Safeguarding All of God’s Children*
- 2/24 Evangelization Committee meeting
- 2/25 Breakfast meeting with “Advancing Family Assets”
- Strategic Planning Committee
- Admin/Finance Committee meeting

**Awakening Faith** completed the six sessions, both the morning and evening options. All comments were very positive, and several people requested that we offer more of this type of formation opportunity. There were 8-11 participants in the morning session, and 4-5 in the evening. All of them expressed interest in attending the four-session follow-up series scheduled for April. I am also in the process of scheduling programs for late summer and for fall.

I attended a workshop at UW-Parkside to learn about another funding program they are offering called **CAN Works**. This would be an 18-month long commitment to work with other organizations in Racine/Kenosha. CAR does not really fit the criteria by itself, but we may be able to collaborate with Racine Vocational Ministries to get funding.

Laura and I met with Jim Schatzman of Racine Vocational Ministries and have agreed to work together in matching employees and workers (Jobs/Joblessness category). Jim is writing a grant proposal for the **CAN Works** program requesting funding to support activities to match employers with workers. Laura and I then developed a proposal to go to RVM where we would work as a subcontractor, so our proposal is part of their grant. We also “fleshed out” the strategic plan to incorporate the work from the six groups, and included the work of the current CAR committees. This rough draft was submitted to CAR Board members to prepare for discussion at our March 8 meeting. Work of the **Strategic Planning Committee** continues as each of the six groups meet to work on their implementation plans.

The **collaborative RCIA** candidates traveled to the cathedral for the Rite of Election on February 21st. CAR did not budget to cover a bus for the trip since not all parishes have active RCIA programs. I did, however, reserve a bus, and the parishes who wished to transport their candidates paid a per person charge to cover the expense. Candidates from St. Joseph, St. John and St. Paul traveled on the bus together.

**Safeguarding All of God’s Children** was held February 22, and there were 31 participants. All of the evaluations were positive, and several made comments of appreciation for having this training available. I have received two requests since then for another session so I will be looking ahead to schedule a date.

Our request was for funding of a marketing plan through the **CAN program** at Parkside was denied. I received an email notification on March 3, and they will follow up with a letter of explanation and will include suggestions for future requests.

I have been working with Gary Pokorny from the Archdiocese in offering **online classes** for DRE/DYM’s and teachers to earn clock hours for certification.

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**AHEAD:** 3/11 Strategic Planning; 3/15 Job Forum meeting, DRE meeting; 3/16 JT Marketing Seminar, Principals’ meeting, Collaborative RCIA Social Justice; 3/18 Evangelization Committee; 3/23 Social Justice Committee; 3/24 Formation Committee; 4/12 CAR Board meeting



- 1/11 Formation Committee meeting  
In-Service Committee meeting  
CAR Board Meeting
- 1/12 Meeting with Image Management (potential contractor)
- 1/14 Awakening Faith – Session 1
- 1/15 Meeting with potential contractor for website
- 1/18 Strategic Planning meeting  
Meeting with JT reporter  
DRE meeting
- 1/19 Principal's meeting  
Social Justice Committee meeting
- 1/20 Evangelization Committee meeting
- 1/21 Awakening Faith – Session 2  
Executive Committee meeting
- 1/24 Strategic Planning meeting  
Meeting with Issue captain for Jan 31
- 1/26 WRJN radio interview
- 1/27 Admin/Finance Committee meeting  
Strategic Planning – booklet assembly
- 1/28 Awakening Faith – Session 3
- 1/29 Purchase and assembly for Jan 31
- 2/2 Meeting with “Advancing Family Assets”
- 2/4 Awakening Faith – Session 4

The “demonstration Mass” held on January 10 at noon at St. Rita was scheduled primarily for the **collaborative RCIA** group, but was open to all. There were just over 100 people that attended Father Joseph’s explanation. He always does a wonderful job of explaining the Mass, and he did so this time as well. A number of “regular” people commented on how much they learned from this experience, and many of the RCIA candidates stated that it was extremely helpful in their understanding of the Mass.

Considerable time was expended preparing the grant request from the **CAN program**. Our request was for funding of a marketing plan, which included a restructure of the CAR website. I met with several marketing firms, and with a number of website developers. Each potential vendor needed to understand CAR’s mission, organization, and objective’s in order to provide a quote for services. Only one firm could provide both the marketing and technology bid together. This information had to be summarized as part of the grant request, and the selection of the potential had to be justified.

At the **principals’** meeting, the group reviewed and approved the proof of the Catholic Schools Week ad I created for publication in the Journal Times. Both the principals and the DRE’s asked about scheduling a session of **Safeguarding All of God’s Children**, so I committed to having one during the month of February.

Evangelization Committee began the six-week **Awakening Faith** program on January 14 with 9 participants in the morning session, and four in the evening. To date, there have been four sessions, and the attendees have expressed appreciation for having this opportunity to gain a better understanding of their faith, and value the experience.

**Strategic Planning Committee** hosted a major event on Sunday, January 31, *God Anoints You.... Work Miracles*. Hours of preparation was required to pull this event together. With four people on the committee, the work was divided so each had an area of responsibility. Mine was to coordinate the needs for the liturgy, make all of the copies, and gather some of the supplies. Vonnie and I met with the JT reporter, and I did the radio interview. We had hoped for greater participation, but the approximately 40 people who came provided great discussion on the issues. Groups have committed to meet again, and have outlined tentative next steps. Our thanks to all who assisted in this event, and there were many.

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- 12/14 DRE Holiday gathering  
CAR Board Meeting
- 12/17 Principals' holiday breakfast
- 12/21 Strategic Planning meeting
- 12/22 CAN evaluation meeting at UW Parkside
- 1/5/10 Strategic Planning meeting
- 1/6/10 Admin/Finance committee meeting
- 1/9/10 Facilitator training

December is a heavy **advertising** month. Ads for the Christmas worship schedule were in the Journal Times, Pennysaver and Happenings Magazine, as well as online at the Journal Times. Feedback was very positive about the exposure. With the multiple ads, we also obtained reduced pricing. In addition, in the Dec 31 issue of Catholic Herald we had an ad to welcome our new archbishop. Both St. Lucy and Sacred Heart participated in the worship publicity and we will be invoicing them for their portion. St. Lucy joined us with the ad for the Archbishop, but Sacred Heart chose to do their own.

**Strategic Planning Committee** had several meetings this month to continue preparations for the all-city Mass and kick-off of the Plan to the community. With the Packers winning a spot in the playoffs, it was felt we needed to move our date back to Sunday, January 31, which consequently caused a few other changes. The committee asked the Board of Directors for their participation in the event to help facilitate the groups that will form to address the eight issues. Mass will be at 1:00 PM in St. Catherine's auditorium, followed by the presentation and discussion groups.

Evangelization Committee was to have begun the six-week **Awakening Faith** program on January 7 but the snow storm delayed our start. We will begin the program next week, on January 14. The Evangelization Committee invited Sister Virginia Stone to conduct Facilitator Training for the individuals who will be leading the Awakening Faith program. Also invited were individuals who may wish to lead a bible study or other formation session.

The **request for funding** from UW Parkside's CAN program is due on January 19 at 4 PM. We will be requesting funds to develop a marketing plan, including update/enhancement of our website. A minimum of three bids are required for each so I have been meeting with marketing companies and website development firms to get quotes from them. I will then select the firms that best fit our needs and requirements, and enfold them into the proposal.

I am also working on the ad for **Catholic Schools Week**, which is January 31 – February 6. The principals have submitted photos and a list of their open house times, and I have reserved the space in the Journal Times.

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