



# CCC Harvesters in Christ: Where are we? Summer 2018: Final Report

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## MAIN GOALS:

### PRIORITY: CREATING JOYFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST

- A. Goal:** Establish weekly Sunday Family Liturgies in the Collaborative by June 30, 2016
- Scheduled- Aligned Generations of Faith “Event Masses” and “Children’s Masses and “Teen Masses” to form Family Masses. 2x/month in Middleboro, 1-2x/month Lakeville, 1x/month in Rochester. *Revised to 1x/month at Sacred Heart (June 2017)*
    - *Family participation as readers, etc. difficult, especially SH. Will need to revisit for next version of plan.*
  - Developing a repertoire of family friendly music
    - Still needs work in one of the parishes
  - Pastoral Associate hired- as a part of her duties she will also work on this goal
  - Sub-committee formed to plan out liturgies- includes a volunteer, music director, pastoral associates, pastor and Rochester staff member- Discontinued committee in 2017
  - Inviting families- (of all types- not just those with children to serve together)
- B. Goal:** Individuals and families that celebrate a “gateway moment” (sacraments, bereavement) will receive at least 1-2 follow-up contacts from our parishes by January 1, 2018)
- Looking for Point Persons
  - Working on Bereavement contacts in addition to Masses of Remembrance
    - Multi-session Bereavement Support Group set up for May 2016 by Parish Nurses
    - Grant money from CHF used to establish a series of follow-up letters and bereavement materials for those who are grieving (recent deaths- post funeral)
    - Grant money from CHF used to create bereavement folders to be given out when funeral liturgy is being planned and to give out when a parishioner is grieving- Materials purchased- see below- Materials purchased and revised goal to provide tailored help with grieving (e.g. overdose)
  - Post-Baptismal Outreach
    - Mailing materials identified for periodic mailings (“After the Plunge”)
    - Database built to assist with mailings- to be implemented end of December 2016 to start with January 2017 Baptisms
    - First Welcome letters went out February 2017 (for babies born in January 2017), Lenten/Easter letters mailed Feb. 2017, and Faith in Summer Letters out in July 2017
  - Post-Funeral Outreach
    - Mailing materials identified for periodic mailings (CareNotes and Cards)
    - Database built to assist with mailings- to be implemented end of October 2017 to start with November 2017-October 2018 Bereaved Families (to coincide with timeframe for annual Masses of Remembrance)
      1. Materials purchased; subcommittee formed and first letters went out April 2018
  - *Still need to work on other sacramental moments and milestone events*
- C. Goal:** The Collaborative will offer 2-4 young adult faith sharing and fellowship opportunities annually by June 30, 2018.
- Winter 2016/2017- YAM Team is formed (Young Adult Ministry) and have begun meeting
    - First event held- Corn Hole Event- outcome disappointing but will persevere



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- *Will need to review goal in next plan due to lack of response/interest.*

### **PRIORITY- OPENING WIDE OUR HEARTS**

**A. Goal:** One to one missionary discipleship and witness training for 200-300 parishioners by June 30, 2018.

- 50 persons trained
- Researching materials for workshops—Looking at “relit” program.
  - a. Relit program will be purchased; target groups identified; workshops designed
- Side Note- “Creating a Culture of Witnessing”
  - February: Lenten Mission featured witnessing in talks by Fr. John Sheridan and Fr. Paul Soper; the RCAB Witnessing Handout was given to participants
  - March Session of Generations of Faith Adult Lesson featured the Book of Acts and Evangelization and on how Witnessing ties in- Participants were given and instructed with the Witnessing worksheet developed by RCAB
  - Attendees to all First Communions were asked to sign colorful witnessing scrolls denoting that they were witnesses to first communions.
    - Bulletin Cover carried pictures of scrolls and article on witnessing at events
- Missionary Discipleship and Hospitality: 9 members of staff/PPC/Worship Committee attended the Evangelizing Angels Workshop on Feb. 27, 2016. Many good ideas were generated and discussions will ensue in our collaborative.
- *Will need to highlight witnessing workshop with next plan- leadership has been trained- workshop approved by leadership team- need to train CPC (scheduled for Dec 2, 2018) and schedule workshops for parishioners*

**B. Goal:** The Collaborative will identify and establish a relationship with a local or third world country sister parish by September 30, 2017.

- Established sister parish with a Fr. Timothy Mayamba at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Buchunya, Uganda - Archdiocese of Tororonding
  - \$10,712 raised as of Fall 2016 via parishioners and VBS Families.
    - July 2017- Fr. Timothy updated us on the parish Nursery School where the bulk of our donations were used. Picture of children in school at right:
  - Fr. John Sheridan planning trip to Uganda in Summer 2017 to see sister church (staff and parishioners may visit at another time)- *UPDATE: August 2017 trip postponed- but will be shipping donated Rosaries to Sister Parish at this time.*
  - Goal complete- relationship continues



**C. Goal:** collaborative members will provide God’s comfort and care through participating in a volunteer opportunity by June 30, 2018.

- Offered Cor Unum opportunity in Lawrence- Had to cancel due to distance being an issue.
- Parish Nursing-
  - a. Received \$50,000 grant from Catholic Health Fund for health care needs of Middleboro residents
    - Parish Nurses received stipend
    - Parish Nurse Office Hours established in Middleboro (medical and grief counseling)- (position changed from paid to volunteer, December 2016)



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- Parish Nurse program expanded to all locations (monthly blood pressure checks, etc.)
- AED installed in Lakeville (all locations have AEDs)
- Bereavement: two nurses have completed one year of Mount Ida Bereavement and Death program and will use the grant money to complete the second year.
- 4 parish nurses trained in the Archdiocesan Palliative Care Initiative
- Several Parishioners trained in the Catholic Relief Services Ambassador Program
  - a. First offering- Fair Trade Table at Annual Sts. Martha and Mary Christmas Bazaar (featuring Divine Chocolate)
  - b. Training for Ambassadors continued in April 2016.
- Collaborative is forming a deeper connection to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society to jointly bring volunteer opportunities to parishioners attention
- During 2016 VBS- children learned about tithing and raised money and awareness for those less fortunate in Uganda
- Sacred Heart Children's Choir began a new tradition in visiting an area nursing home to sing Christmas Carols (December 2016)
- July 30- August 4<sup>th</sup>- 14 Teens (and 5 adults) traveled to the Adirondacks on a mission trip to aid those less fortunate and to bring donated school supplies to those in need. (via YouthWorks)
- Summer 2018- Second Mission Trip planned to aid Puerto Rico
- Well Water Project- Greater than \$10,000 raised for Fr. JT Osunkwo's village in Nigeria for the purposes of building a well for water
- Palliative Care- RCAB invited and gave a presentation on palliative care- April, 2018.

### **PRIORITY- HEARING HIS VOICE**

**A. Goal:** Establish a Collaborative Vocation Team consisting of 6-10 parishioners by June 30, 2016.

- A team has been established (Summer 2016)
- Vocations Week was planned for October 16-23, 2016- Capped by Vocations Evening ("One Voice, Many Callings" on October 23 at Nichols Middle School featured panel of lay and religious exploring vocations.
- Family Vocations Cross Program begun, rotating throughout the three churches (Fall 2016)
- Vocations Prayer added to the Prayers of Faithful and is recited at every weekend Mass.
- Vocations Prayer Group begun and meets weekly to pray for Vocations (Fall 2016)
- Vocations Night- (focusing on "new callings")- October 22, 2017 was held

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## Collaborative Foundational Ministries

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### Evangelization

- Encourage staff, councils and parishioners to attend workshops pertaining to evangelization and discipleship, hosted locally and at the Archdiocese- **Currently doing.**

### Religious Education & Faith Formation

- Begin planning for Collaborative Youth Ministry- **Started not completed!**
- Two staff and two young teens attended the Discipleship Week offered by the RCAB in NH in 2016.(1 staff attended 2017 )



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- In May 2016 the Sacred Heart Parish and Sts. Martha and Mary Parish began to operate the Generations of Faith Program under one director.
- Continue to build up the Generations of Faith volunteer team at Sts. Martha and Mary- **Done!**
- Adult Faith Formation Committee Formed to look at Faith Formation and Evangelization of Adults (committee later disbanded)- **Will be multi-pronged approach utilizing programs for small and large groups as well as community gatherings**
  - **First offering for large group gathering Genealogy and God by Joanne Mercier, October 4, 2017**
  - **Ascension Press Bible Timeline 24 Week study offered 2017-2018- by Joanne Mercier**
  - **Unpacking the Mass- 6 week study by Joanne Mercier offered Spring 2018**

## Vocations

- Continue to offer a weekly intention in support of vocations in the Prayers of the Faithful - **Done- but revised to include KoC Vocations Prayer at end of PoF.**

## Active Prayer & Sacramental Life

- Elevate the integral role of music in our Masses and other celebrations and encourage full and heartfelt singing at all the observances throughout the Cranberry Collaborative- **Started not completed!**
- Encourage parishioners to consider retreats and Cursillo as ways to deepen their faith- **Utreya Evenings offered once/month discontinued due to lack of interest.**
- Continue to promote and support the Lay Carmelites in our collaborative- **Doing!**
- Began offering Vacation Bible School to children **(28 youngsters attended in August 2016) (approx. 20 kids in August 2017)**
- Weekly Collaborative Eucharistic Adoration (with Divine Mercy Chaplet) began September 2016 at Sacred Heart
- Men's Discussion Group (MDG) being prayed about and formed by Fr. John Sheridan- **Formed and meeting 2017!**
- Ash Wednesday- **First "lay-led" Ash Service held at Sts. Martha and Mary**
- Create more opportunities for persons with disabilities to participate in active ministry and service to others- **Holly Clark working with Archdiocese of Boston in reforming the RCAB Office for Disabilities to a lay-led volunteer commission.**
  - **Hand railings installed at Sacred Heart and Martha and Mary to ease access to altar for liturgical ministers**
  - **Those with disabilities invited to provide witness on Pentecost Sunday**

## Apostolic and Charitable Activities

- 9 CCC representatives participated in the January 2017 Walk for Life in Washington D.C.
- CCC participated in the March for Our Lives walk in Boston- March 2018
- "Hidden in Plain Sight" offered to parents by Lakeville parishioner in our Faith Formation programs to aid parents in dealing with the opioid crisis. (Winter 2017)
- 4 Staff members attended RCAB Opioid Training sessions to aid and recognize those under the influence of opioids and their families (Fall 2016)
- 1 staff and 2 Parish Nurses attended a daylong RCAB seminar on Palliative Care- Caring for the Caregiver, April 2018
- The CCC Director for Mission Development is a member of the Steering Committee for Middleboro Matters, a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring the community together to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth and adults
- The CCC Director for Mission Development also represents the CCC as a participating Agency in the Middleboro Area Assistance Coalition (MAAC)
- Teens who attended the 2016 Discipleship Week (see above) are planning a summer discipleship/outreach/charitable outreach trip to the Adirondaks for summer of 2017.

## Governance

- Improve sound system at Sacred Heart Parish Hall - **Done**
- Install new light fixtures in Sacred Heart Church - **Done**
- Install new lights in Sts. Martha and Mary Church- **Done**
- Install new Carillon at Sacred Heart Church - **Done, with the generosity of a couple of parishioners**
- Continue to make our collaborative buildings and ministries more accessible to those persons with disabilities
  - **New wheelchairs bought for Sacred Heart and Sts. Martha and Mary Churches**



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- A CCC Staff Member invited to be on the RCAB Autism Study Committee
- Stair-chair lift for Sts. Martha and Mary installed
- Flooring replaced at Sacred Heart church- Wood flooring and carpeting
- Handrails to altar installed at Sts. Martha and Mary and Sacred Heart- March, 2018
- Replace the boiler at St. Rose of Lima- **Done**
- Child and Vulnerable Adult Safety:
  - Create a comprehensive Ministry Volunteer and Child Safety Database- **Completed, thanks to Michelle Sylvia who is now doing much data entry**
    - **Database shows how far we have yet to go with VIRTUS training, CORIs and Code of Conducts**
  - Expand the CAP Team (child safety) and offer VIRTUS training on a regular basis- **done!**
  - **As of July 170 volunteers have been trained (Side note- One parishioner volunteer was so impressed by the VIRTUS workshop that he has volunteer to do a “witness talk” at Masses to promote future trainings). This brings total up to 415 current volunteers trained since 2003.**
  - **July 26, 2017- CCC Child Safety Audited by RCAB and EFPR Group (national accounting/auditing firm): Report pending but al CCC reps in meeting felt the audit went well even if revealed how much we have yet to do.**
  - **Active Shooter Presentation- Several staff members attended an Active Shooter Presentation at Middleborough High School to learn what to do if there is an active shooter present.- April, 2018.**
- **NOTES: Governing Infrastructure:**
  - Staff Meeting Structure and Agendas are now being streamlined to support Harvesters in Christ
  - Collaborative PPC Meeting Structure, Agendas and Minutes are now being streamlined to support Harvesters in Christ
  - CCPC/PPC Charter written and implemented, June 2017 to support pastoral plan

## Interesting tidbits:

**Branding:** We have painted the trim to our garage cranberry colored, the doors of our Fr. Shea Center to match AND the shutters to the Middleboro Offices/Rectory to match!!! Even better tidbit, our F&O, Kevin Mercier, took our CCC sweatshirt to the paint store so the paint would match the sweatshirt! UPDATE: St. Joseph House Garage repainted and also now has cranberry color trim.

**Archdiocese of Chicago:** In May 2016, Fr. John Sheridan, Holly Clark, Amy Dow, and Kevin Mercier and Jackie Bean met with members of the AoC Pastoral Planning Team, accompanied by the RCAB Pastoral Planning Office and Fr. Paul Soper, to share our accomplishments and bumps in the road re pastoral planning.

**Radio Program: “This is Home”** Host- Fr. John Sheridan began airing in the summer of 2016. Broadcast includes the happenings around the CCC, theological and liturgical season tidbits and staff interviews.

**Generations of Faith:** CCC was invited to present the CCC vision for intergenerational faith formation on September 8, 2016 to folks attending the RCAB Faith Formation Leadership Day.

**Stations of the Cross:** Offered as themes in Lent- in support of various aspects of our plan- Social Justice (Catholic relief services, Vocations, Pro-Life, Social Justice- Immigration/Refugees, Family Life, Suffering-Illness-Disabilities

**Adirondaks 2017 Mission Trip logo:** The 2017 team will all have cranberry colored t-shirts to wear while working in the Adirondacks!



## Pastoral Planning Speaking Engagements:

- Holly and Fr. John did a Pastoral Planning talk and presentation in Andover Mass- November 2017
- Holly spoke on witnessing at the St. John’s Seminary Co-Workers in the Vineyard- April 2018