

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

CO-CHAIRS: FR. BRUNO D'SOUZA & JEAN BOWLER

SHEPHERDS: FR. PHIL PAXTON & JOE CASTRO

MEMBERS: SANDRA ARNOULD, JANET SELINSKE, MARTA SALGADO-NINO,
CHRISTOPHER PINTO, PAUL O'DANIEL, FR. CEDRIC PISEGNA, FR. CLEMENTE BARON, &
FR. JOE MITCHELL.

The Process

- ❖ Ambiguity around the process and goal of the committee.
- ❖ The topics are quite broad and the resources seem to be limited.
- ❖ Acknowledgment of our strengths (Personnel & Ministries).
- ❖ Willingness to change and adapt according to the signs of time.

Thoughts and Ideas Emerging for the Future

- The need to simplify our language. (“Charism,” “crucified,” need more secular nuances, esp. for the nones)
- Diversity is a given; unity is a choice.
- Mindsets need to change; different practices need to be done.
- Passion of Christ...servitude...how was Jesus served on his journey? What was done during those last hours that was of service to him?
- We need to make prophetic choices; not just hear/listen.

Between Now and Chapter

- ❑ Work towards providing our Province an ambitious, unifying and inspiring vision for Outreach accompanied by a roadmap oriented Mission, all wrapped in formation and driven by Charism.

- ❑ To understand and identify (local communities through survey)
 - a. current outreach
 - b. desired outreach
 - c. current challenges
 - d. future challenges.

Question from the Outreach Group

Anthony Gittins, “A Presence that Disturbs” – Chapter 4 on Community:

“Communitas produces dreams and visions; community maintains works and programs that keep the dream alive and creates strategies that serves the vision.”

We in the outreach committee want you to dream and pursue your vision.

Dream of expanding your influence, increasing your outreach and deepening the impact of our charism through your ministry.

How do we invite and engage the Passionist family into dreaming of, and participating, in an area of ministry that is not yet? What are the challenges that we anticipate? For e.g. ministry to the “nones,” to people with mental illness, spiritual direction at our ministry sites, etc.

