

COMMUNITY SHARING TIME

Purpose: To provide a forum for any member of MMACC to share with other members of the community ideas, reports, proposals, aspects of their faith journey or ministry that would be beneficial to the community as a whole.

Format: Allow a maximum of 20-30 minutes following Sunday liturgy for a Community Forum speaker to present in The Garden Room. Those who would like to attend can, and those who would like to socialize or leave GLC can pursue their own interests. A community forum is only scheduled by the initiative of an individual.

EXAMPLES OF TOPICS OR SPEAKERS: See the examples page.

SOME GUIDELINES FOR FACILITATING A COMMUNITY FORUM:

- 1. The presentation or sharing must not be longer than 20 – 30 minutes,** keeping in mind that people want to go home to eat dinner, and the Porter Team should not be unnecessarily delayed in securing the GLC campus. **The person who is the presenter should arrange for a Time Keeper,** who will notify them when there are only 5 minutes left until The Forum must come to an end.
- 2. MMACC and the Hospitality Committee are not involved in providing food, drink, or clean up.** If you wish to share food or drink with the community, please bring your own snacks for all who may attend, including your own paper goods, cups, plastic ware, napkins, etc. Food, though nice, is not really necessary as the idea is to keep this simple, short (30 minutes or less, including any discussion,) and focused. Please use your good judgment.
- 3. A Community Sharing cannot address a specific political issue.** Because MMACC is a 501-C3 charitable organization, we cannot risk losing our tax-exempt status by discussing specific political issues. See examples page.
- 4. Disclaimer for discussion views:**
All views presented at A Community Sharing are the view(s) of that individual(s) and do not represent the view, agreement, or endorsement by the Pastoral Team of MMACC, the Community Council, or The MMACC Board.

PROCEDURES TO SCHEDULE A COMMUNITY SHARING

1. To Arrange for the Use of The Garden Room: Contact Wanda Arsulich at arsulich@sbcglobal.net or 858 560-9931 to see if The Garden Room is available on the Sunday you would like to have a Community Forum. When a Community Forum is scheduled, Wanda will notify Rebecca Crowley, who keeps the Master Calendar for MMACC and Diane Langworthy, who is the Porter.

2. Publicity to Invite the Community:

The individual initiating a Community Sharing is responsible for all publicity to invite the community for a particular Sunday and to briefly explain the topic that will be presented. Successful events at MMACC make use of the following ways to publicize an event:

Bulletin Announcements: Write a brief bulletin announcement that a Community Sharing will be held on a particular date. Email the announcement to Mary Elbrecht at maryelbs@sbcglobal.net by Thursday at 5:00 pm before the Sunday you would like the announcement to appear in the bulletin. It is suggested that you might want the announcement to be listed two weeks prior to the scheduled Community Sharing.

Announcements before Sunday Liturgy: Email the announcement to Joe Stewart at jmst921@yahoo.com by the Thursday before the Sunday you would like an announcement to be read to the community before liturgy.

Announcement on the List Serve: Send an announcement about The Community Forum to all on the MMACC group email. Email your announcement to mmacc@yahoogleroups.com

Announcement on the Website: Send a copy of the announcement to Nancy Corran at ncorran@aol.com

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Examples of Topics or speakers:

- The Liturgy Committee might want to seek feedback about liturgy for a liturgical season.
- A speaker or an individual from MMACC might be able to help the community better understand the work of any group that has been the beneficiary of the MMACC tithe. (A speaker from outside of MMACC would not be receiving a stipend for speaking.)
- Update on the work of the San Diego Catholic Worker
- Sharing on the work of the Wounded Warriors, The Smile Clinic in Mexico, or anyone's particular ministry
- Sharing on any conference that an individual has attended, such as the American Catholic Council, Call to Action, The Religious Education Conference in Los Angeles, RCWP.
- Other topics relevant to The Mission Statement of MMACC and to our faith development and spiritual formation

Examples of Bulletin Announcements:

- A Community Sharing will be held for 30 minutes in the Garden Room following liturgy on (a particular date) to seek community feedback about planning the Advent/Christmas Season. For more information contact Person's Name at (email and phone)
- Don't forget the Community Sharing in the Garden Room after liturgy on (Date) on the 1ST RCWP Community Gathering held here two weeks ago. Contact Person's Name for more information at (email and phone)

Examples of Sunday Liturgy Announcements:

- Find out more about the Wounded Warrior program and how members of our community work with that program next Sunday at a Community Sharing to be held in The Garden Room after liturgy. See Person's Name for more information.

Examples of List Serve and Website Announcements:

- Same as Bulletin notice with a little more detail.

Examples of Political Issues:

- Discussion regarding the Death Penalty can take place, but someone campaigning for Proposition Safe California would not be an appropriate topic for a Community Forum.