

GOOD NEWS DISPATCH



Diocese of Fargo Cursillo Newsletter

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

How do I bring Christ to others? When people think about evangelizing or bringing the Good News of the Gospel out into the world, some envision a fiery preacher proclaiming the Gospel on street corners. Others see pairs of believers going door to door in an effort to share the message of salvation and redemption. While these are methods of evangelizing...for most of us they are not very realistic alternatives. The following are practical examples of evangelizing that one can do at home, work, or at school. Do you have something that others are searching for?

St. Augustine and philosophers through the ages have stated that man's primary motivation in life is to find happiness. While often times those things that one endeavors too achieve, once accomplished, do not bring forth the level of happiness or satisfaction that he/she thought they would, a person's primary motivation in accomplishing that task is a higher level of happiness. Practicing Catholics know that the only true path to happiness in this world and in the next is through developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the sacraments and prayer. So with that in mind, do you exhibit the joy and love

of Christ at home, work, or at school? Is the love that you have for those around you evident to others in a genuine way? The first step in evangelization is exhibiting the joy and love of Christ to others. Jesus said, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). The early Christians in Rome were persecuted in many ways and yet the astonished Romans would say "See how they love one another". One of the greatest evangelization tools of the early Church was just that, love for one another! We all struggle at times with difficulties in life. Are you a person who perse-

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*"Make a Friend, Be a Friend,
Bring a Friend to Christ!"*

veres through those challenges with a confident smile and happy demeanor? Or do you more or less fit into the mold of society complaining and casting shadows on those around you? The first step in evangelization is to exhibit the genuine love and happiness that we have in Christ. If you are able to do this you will attract people to you like bees to flowers. After developing a friendship with them through genuine love, they will start to wonder why it is you are so happy.

Pray, Pray, Pray...and then Watch Out!

Before asking a friend about Christ, ask Christ about your friend. Jesus is the source of all good and He is after all why we are evangelizing to begin with. So ask Jesus to send His Holy Spirit to you to guide your evangelization efforts. If you spend time every day praying for His guidance, you will begin to hear His voice.

For instance you may believe you are called to share your faith with your friend Joe but the timing never seems right. Then all of a sudden Bob comes up to you completely unexpectedly and asks you “Why are you always so happy?” or with questions about your faith. This is a sign! Bob is looking for some answers and you can show him the way.

What do I say to someone that I believe Christ is calling me to evangelize?

Remember the first step – love one another, make friends, be happy. Often times if you fol-

low this first step, people will come to you with questions. Sometimes our friends are simply afraid to ask us. Then it may become incumbent upon us to break the silence, but first remember the second step and ask Jesus. This may not be the right time for this person to make the changes necessary to commit to learning more about the Catholic faith. Jesus will tell you and give you the words and grace to approach your friend.

After you’ve been praying for a specific person, look for an occasion where it’s just you and them, one on one. When you have them one on one, you could ask a few questions to inquire about their spiritual background [What Church do you go to, what’s your faith background, etc.]. But after that, or instead of that, you just have to go for it. Simply ask, “Have you ever considered becoming Catholic?” Then be quiet, and wait for an answer.

What if the person says they are not interested?

The most important thing to remember is that your friend is not rejecting you! They are rejecting the idea of learning more about the Catholic Church – the time might not be right this year. Picture yourself working at the McDonald’s drive thru window and you ask a customer “Would you like to super-size that?” If the customer said “No” you certainly would not take that as a personal rejection and neither should you take a “No” in your evangelization efforts. The most im-

portant factor in this instance is to drop the conversation for now and continue to be the person’s friend. There may be another time in the future when he or she will be ready and chances are at that time – he or she will come to you because you cared enough to invite them.

What if the person says they are interested in learning more?

If a person expresses an interest in learning more about the Church then you will need information in order to bring the evangelization process to the next step. That person will wonder how? Where? When? You will need to have some information to provide them at that time.

- *When does your local parish offer RCIA – days and times?*
- *Is registration needed before hand? Is*
- *There is no commitment required initially, in fact the first part of RCIA is called a period of Inquiry, a chance to learn more about the Church.*
- *There is no cost to participate in RCIA.*
- *You may wish to attend RCIA with your friend to provide support and maybe learn something new about your faith along the way!*

The most effective means of evangelization is through one-on-one encounters with Catholics who are willing to share their faith out of love for their friends. Are you willing to make that commitment and sacrifice for Christ this year? Go forth and share the Good News!

School of Leaders

Upcoming SCOL Sessions

- ◆ Jamestown - Wednesday
July 27 @ 7:00 PM
- ◆ Fargo - Saturday,
September 17, @ 9:30 AM
- ◆ Grafton - Sunday,
September 18, @ 7:00 PM
- ◆ Valley City - Wednesday,
September 21, @ 7:00 PM
- ◆ Karlsruhe - September 16,
@7:00 PM
- ◆ Coming soon to ... ?

In order to maintain an Active Status in the SCOL members are required to attend more than 50% of the meetings.

Call Ben Seitz at (701) 540-8248 for more information.

News & Updates

Cursillo Weekend Schedule

Belcourt Men's	October 20-23, 2016
Belcourt Women's	October 27-30, 2016
Harvey Men's	February 9-12, 2017
Harvey Women's	February 16-19, 2017
Hankinson Men's	March 9-12, 2017
Hankinson Women's	March 23-27, 2017

National Cursillo Newsletter

Go to <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/news/>

World Wide Cursillo Schedule

Offer Palanca for Them!

Go to <http://www.cursillo.org/palanca/>
for a list of Cursillos.

Next Secretariat Meeting

Saturday, September 10, 2016, 10:00 am.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Carrington, ND. All Fargo Diocese Cursillo members are welcome to attend.



Cursillo Prayer Chain

There are two ways to participate in the prayer chain — Go to www.cursillond.org

- Sign up to be a member of the prayer chain by simply typing in your name and email address. Then whenever anyone enters a prayer request you will receive an email with the prayer intention.
- Enter a prayer request—simply click on the prayer request link which will open an email. Fill in your prayer request and it will be forwarded to all members of the prayer chain.

Small Group Reunion Locator

If you wish to start a new small group & are looking for others in your area—send an email to cursillond@gmail.com

Belcourt

Men's & Women's

3rd Thursday 6:00 PM
Queen of Peace Retreat Center
POC: Denise Keplin

Cooperstown Area

Men & Women's Group

4th Wednesday at 7:00 PM
St. George Church, Cooperstown, ND

Devil's Lake

St. Joseph's Mixed Group

Thursday 6:00 AM church basement
1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 PM church basement
POC: Hayley Kaffar (218) 791-4587

Edgeley

Women's Group

Thursday 5:00 PM Transfiguration Adoration Chapel
POC: Sandi Horsager (701) 320-5251

Fargo

Sts Anne & Joachim Men's Group

Every Saturday at 7:00 AM
Sts Anne & Joachim Parish
POC: Ben Seitz (701) 540-8248

Sts Anne & Joachim Women's Group

2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Sts Anne & Joachim Parish POC:
Barb Jones (701) 200-3646

&

Every Saturday at 7:00 AM
Sts Anne & Joachim Parish
POC: Jennine Seitz (701) 540-8668

Holy Spirit Men's & Women's Group

1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM
Ave Maria Room (Enter thru main doors and turn left)
POC: Randy and Cindy Ternes-Harms (701) 212-8796

Grafton

Women's Group

1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:15 PM
St. John's Catholic Church
POC: Cynthia Janousek (701) 520-1149

Grand Forks

Grand Forks Women's Group

Fridays 8:00 AM Perkins 13th & Columbia Road
POC: Annette Noehre
lanoe@midco.net

Men & Women's Group

Thursdays at 8:00 PM
St. Michael's Church Basement

Jamestown

St James Basilica POC: Jodi Grugel
(701) 320-8498

Men's Groups

Sundays 9:40-10:20 AM Holy Spirit room

Tuesdays at 5:10 PM Holy Spirit Room

Women's Groups

Sundays 9:40-10:20 AM St Thomas room

1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM St Thomas or Community Room

Monday's 6:30 - 7:30 AM in St Thomas room

LaMoure

Women's and Men's Group

Tuesday's 6:00 AM Norm & Sue Goehring's residence
POC: Sue Goehring (701) 883-5724

Women's Group

Wednesday 7:30 PM Holy Rosary Church
POC: Sheila Hanson (701) 883-4460

Minto Area

Men's Group

Meets 1st Wednesday of the month at Sacred Heart Church in Minto 7 :30 PM.
POC: Keith Zikmund (701) 520-9751

Women's Group

Meets 1st Thursdays 7:00 PM
Sacred Heart Church, Minto, ND
POC: Joan Schanilec (701)-360-2499

Mixed Group

Meets 3rd Sunday of the month at 7 PM (alternating Sacred Heart Church in Minto and St. John's in Grafton) POC: Joan Schanilec at 701-360-2499

Valley City

Tuesday evening Men's Group

Tuesdays 7:00 PM St. Catherine Church basement
POC: Deacon Carl Orthman
(701) 845-6271

Friday morning Men's Group

Fridays 6:00 AM St, Catherine Church basement
POC: Deacon Joe Leitner (701) 845-0817

Wednesday Morning Women's Group

Wednesday 8:45 AM St. Catherine Parish Hall Committee Room
POC: Lela Grim (701) 845-4067

Tuesday Women's Groups

6:00 AM St. Catherine Parish Office
POC Lauri Kupitz (701) 490-1475

3:45 PM St. Catherine Parish Office

POC: Deb Didier (701) 845-5317

Wahpeton

Men's Group

Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 AM St John's Parish (KC Room)
POC: Rod Koch (701) 274-8282