



Catholics Come Home Boston Parish Evangelization Guide



CatholicsComeHomeBoston.Org
Archdiocese of Boston





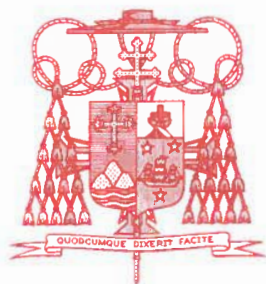
First Printing, 2011

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston

PilotPrinting.net

Photographs by George Martell

Design and Layout by Danielle Olsen



CARDINAL'S OFFICE

66 BROOKS DRIVE
BRAINTREE, MASSACHUSETTS 02184-3839
617-782-2544

February 22, 2011
Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we prepare to launch the *Catholics Come Home* initiative in the Archdiocese of Boston, we are heeding the Lord's invitation to cast out our nets wide and far and *put out into the deep*. It is my fervent prayer that God will renew his Church and bring many of our brothers and sisters back to the Lord's Table, where we are nourished by his word and strengthened by his Body and Blood.

In the Gospel of Luke we hear the story of the rich young man who comes to Jesus and asks Him, "*Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?*" He is asking the right question, and who better to ask than the Son of God! His words express the deepest longings of a man who is searching for happiness, meaning, and ultimately love. In many ways, the rich young man reminds us of ourselves, and of our own desire for love, happiness and peace that will not pass away. We know that we can only find this desire fulfilled in Christ!

Catholics Come Home is not just another program. It is an invitation for us all to become stronger witnesses of our Catholic faith, inviting others into friendship with Christ. It is my hope for the Archdiocese of Boston that this initiative will help us all to reach out to our brothers and sisters in the faith who have, for one reason or another, seen their faith grow cold. We know that it is by gathering around the fire of God's love in the Eucharist that we are all strengthened to live as Christ's disciples.

Please join with me in praying for the spiritual success of *Catholics Come Home*! We can be assured that when we follow the Lord's command to *put out into the deep*, we will never be disappointed.

Asking our Lady, Mother of the Divine Shepherd, to draw you and your loved ones into the loving embrace of her Son, I am

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston



JANET BENESTAD

SECRETARY FOR FAITH FORMATION & EVANGELIZATION

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON PASTORAL CENTER

66 BROOKS DRIVE, BRAINTREE, MA 02184

617-746-5870 (P); JBENESTAD@RCAB.ORG

February 2011

Dear Father/Monsignor, Parish Staff, Evangelization Teams and Parish Contacts,

The *Catholics Come Home* initiative is an unprecedented opportunity for Catholics in Boston to invite friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and others who have been away to return to active participation in the Church. It is part of a broad program of evangelization that promises to strengthen our parishes and renew our archdiocese. Along with *Arise Together in Christ* and *The Light Is on for You*, the *Catholics Come Home* initiative in Boston is making it easier than ever for brothers and sisters who have been distant from the faith to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ.

This Parish Guide contains an introduction to, and rationale for, *Catholics Come Home* in Boston, as well as resources and ideas for taking full advantage of the campaign in your parish. We pray that it will inspire and assist you to seek ever more creative ways to become, as Cardinal Seán has urged, ministers of “welcome, reconciliation and understanding to those who have stopped coming to Church.” More importantly, however, I think that you will find it a source of creativity and motivation in the very broad work of evangelization for many years to come.

As a result of the generosity of the faithful in Boston, the *Catholics Come Home* commercials will air from March 7th to April 24th on all major networks and cable stations in the Boston area. They will be shown around the clock, including prime time. The average viewer will see them approximately twenty times. Television and radio stations will carry the commercials in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian-Creole. The commercials alone, however, can only extend the invitation. Pastors, parish staff and parish lay leaders are the key to the success of this initiative. As *Go Make Disciples* says, “. . . through the proclamation of the Word and the wholehearted celebration of the saving deeds of Jesus . . .” evangelization happens.

May God bless you and all that you are doing to advance the work of evangelization and faith formation in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Sincerely,

Janet Benestad

Secretary for Faith Formation and Evangelization

Table of Contents



1. Introduction

a. Intro to Catholics Come Home (CCH).....	Page 1
b. Catholics Come Home Boston.....	Page 3
c. Our State of Affairs.....	Page 4
i. Our Culture Today.....	Page 4
ii. Inactive Catholics.....	Page 5
d. A Culture of Evangelization.....	Page 9
i. Why Evangelization?.....	Page 9
ii. The Reason for My Hope.....	Page 10
e. CCH Materials.....	Page 11
i. Information & Website	Page 11
ii. CCH Media	Page 12
iii. Phased Timeline	Page 13
iv. Order Forms (Supplied & Additional Materials)	Page 14
• Sample Materials.....	Page 15
v. Order Form (Additional Available Materials)	Page 16
• Sample Materials.....	Page 17
vi. Prayers of the Faithful	Page 19
vii. Homily Helps	Page 20
viii. Bulletin Announcements	Page 27
ix. Mass Count Form	Page 30
x. Training	Page 31
xi. CCH Follow up	Page 32

2. Roles in CCH?.....Page 33

a. Active Catholics.....	Page 34
b. Ministers of 1 st Impression.....	Page 36
c. Different Roles in Parish.....	Page 37
i. Pastor & Clergy.....	Page 37
ii. The Parish Staff.....	Page 38
iii. The Parish Evangelization	Page 38
• Missionary Captain.....	Page 38
• Evangelization Team.....	Page 39



d.	CCH Best Practices	
i.	Best Practices Checklist	Page 40
ii.	Hospitality: A Parish Self-Evaluation	Page 42
iii.	Parish Reflection Tool	Page 45
iv.	Parish Staff Workshops	Page 47
v.	Phone Refresher Skills	Page 53
vi.	Usher Greeter Program Suggestions	Page 54
vii.	Usher, Hospitality Teams & Greeters (Tips)	Page 56
3.	Evangelization	Page 57
a.	What is Evangelization?	Page 57
b.	Yes, You can evangelize!	Page 58
b.	Top Five Myths Catholics have about Evangelization!	Page 59
d.	The New Evangelization	Page 62
e.	Phases of Evangelization	Page 63
i.	Witness and Prayer	Page 64
	• Authentic Witness	Page 65
	• Personal Testimony	Page 65
	• Life of Prayer	Page 66
ii.	Invitation and Welcome	Page 68
iii.	Presenting the Gospel	Page 70
	• Implicit Evangelization: The Actions	Page 70
	• Explicit evangelization: The Words	Page 71
iv.	Accepting the Gospel and Conversion	Page 72
v.	Becoming Part of the Church Community	Page 73
vi.	Catechesis and Ongoing Formation	Page 77
vii.	Discipleship, Service and Vocations	Page 79
4.	Programs & Resources	Page 81
a.	Archdiocesan Support	Page 81
b.	Other Programs	Page 92
i.	Catholics Returning Home	Page 92
ii.	Continuing the Journey	Page 92
iii.	The Come Home Program	Page 92
iv.	Theological Institute for the New Evangelization	Page 93
v.	Alpha for Catholics	Page 94



1. Introduction

- a. Intro to CCHPage
- b. CCH in BostonPage
- c. Our State of AffairsPage
 - i. Our Culture Today
 - ii. Inactive Catholics
- d. A Culture of EvangelizationPage
- e. CCH MaterialsPage

Intro to CCH

Catholics Come Home is a creative new way of utilizing media to reach out and welcome people to the Catholic Church community.

In particular, through a well-produced set of commercials and a friendly interactive website, active Catholics are invited to share their faith while inactive Catholics are invited to come back to Church. Both groups are encouraged to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, to grow in the understanding of their faith, and to become a more intentional witness for others in word and deed.

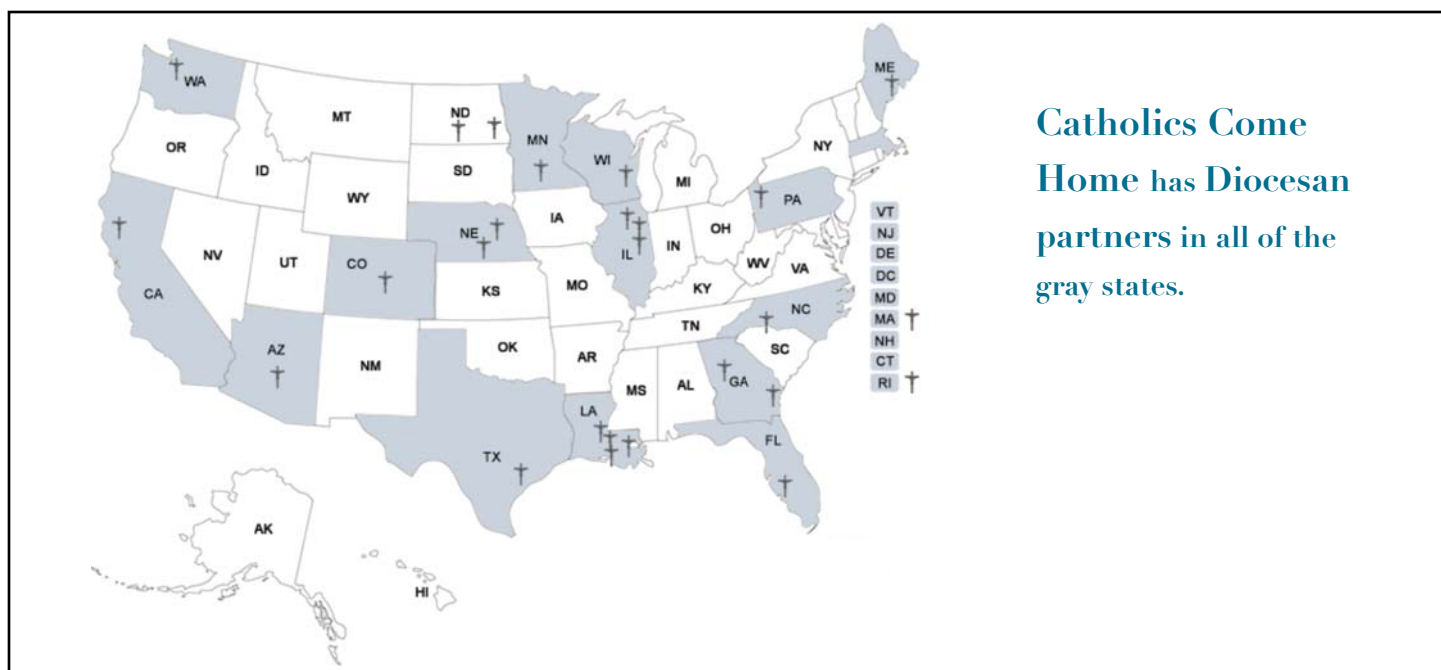
The powerful results of mixing a greater dedication to prayer and evangelization with the better utilization of media and technology have been amazing for the Church.



**“Using the media correctly and competently can lead to a genuine
enculturation of the Gospel”**

(Late Pope's New Evangelization Has Transformed Airwave, 2006 Catholic News Source/U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

- In the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas, the bilingual Catholics Come Home/Catolicos Regresen saw a 17% increase (over 100,000 people) in Mass attendance only three months after the CCH commercials began.
- In the Diocese of Phoenix, Arizona, over 6,000 people visited the CCH Diocesan website and over 10,000 people communicated directly with a parish. The Diocese saw Mass attendance increase 12% and parishes that offered explicit programming saw an increase of 22% from the previous year.
- “There is no doubt that the Catholics Come Home program has had a very positive effect in the Diocese of Providence. Time after time I have heard from many of our pastors who have reported an increased Sunday Mass attendance, longer lines for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, inspiring stories of people returning to the Church and, in general, a renewed and widespread interest in the mission and spiritual resources of the Church. I hope that other dioceses will experience the blessings of Catholics Come Home as we surely have in the Diocese of Providence, my prayers for God’s blessings upon you and your good and important work for the Church” (Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, Diocese of Providence).



“The contemporary culture has reached a point where it turns off what is not immediately accessible. Our society prefers to listen in sound bites, rather than in semesters. Slogans replace thoughtful explanations” (Disciples of the Lord: Sharing the Vision, A Pastoral Letter on the New Evangelization, 2010, Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerl, 10).



Why Catholics Come Home in Boston?

The **Archdiocese of Boston** is excited to partner with **Catholics Come Home** and to learn from them and the other dioceses that have begun this initiative ahead of us.

Cardinal Seán has been welcoming Catholics back to Church since his arrival. He wants former Catholics to know that the Church wants to welcome them back to their family.

He needs every Catholic to help to do this. We all know someone in our lives whom we love who is not an active part of the Church community. The CCH commercials can be play a vital role in helping people to re-enter the phases of evangelization.

Materials have been specially created for the Archdiocese of Boston in Spanish, Portuguese, and English. You will see them up in every parish across the Archdiocese.

CCH Commercials will be running all through this Lent. We can utilize these commercials to start conversations before, during, and after the moment our friends and family see them. We will have the opportunity to share what we believe and the reasons why we still go to Church.

Images from CCH Commercials



CCH has found that parishes who the frame their response by certain **“fruitful principles”** experience a greater positive impact in their own parish. Anyone in the parish can help with these. Staff lead these by example.

The “fruitful principles”:

- Prayer is the foundation of everything: parishioners of all ages are given ways to pray for evangelization
- Evangelization is personal: parishioners are empowered to invite and welcome newcomers into their parish in a variety of ways
- Evangelization permeates every person and every ministry within the parish
- Parish staffs come together to plan evangelization efforts (Catholics Come Home Chicago)



Our State of Affairs

Our Culture Today

Looking around today, one can see the influence of unrestrained materialism, excessive individualism, and a human secularism that is actually hurting people.

CCH knows what is needed in the modern world today. This fuels their mission. It should also ignite us for ours.

“It is clear that our society is in the midst of a culture war. More than ever, people need God, but sadly, many have lost sight of the treasures of the Catholic faith. We can see the reality of our fallen-away brothers and sisters not only in our nation as a whole, but even in our own families and neighborhoods. The evidence is shocking:

- **Only 33 percent of U.S. Catholics attend Mass on a weekly basis.** That means approximately 42.7million U.S. Catholics are not practicing Catholics (CARA Catholic Poll [CCP]).
- The number of **Americans** identifying themselves as **non-religious/secular increased 110 percent** from 1990 to 2000! It is now 13.2 percent of the total population (World Christian Encyclopedia's Comparative Study of Churches and Religions in the Modern World).
- As many as **100,000 baptized Catholics in the U.S. drift away from Church each year** (Claveau, Victor The 7% Solution, A Guide to Evangelization at the Parish, Community or Diocesan Level).

Evangelization is critically needed, now!”

(Catholics Come Home)



“Two generations of secularization have fashioned this time when some do not even know the foundational prayers, or understand the most basic of Catholic devotions, including Marian devotions, and many have not been introduced to the lives of the Saints. Still others do not sense a value in Mass attendance, fail to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Penance, and have often lost a sense of mystery” (Wuerl, 10).



Inactive Catholics

Understanding Inactive Catholics:

People are **inactive or separated** from the Church for a **variety of reasons**. Acknowledging and understanding why people have been away can **inform our efforts to invite and welcome them back**.

Too Busy & Waiting for an Invitation

Profile:

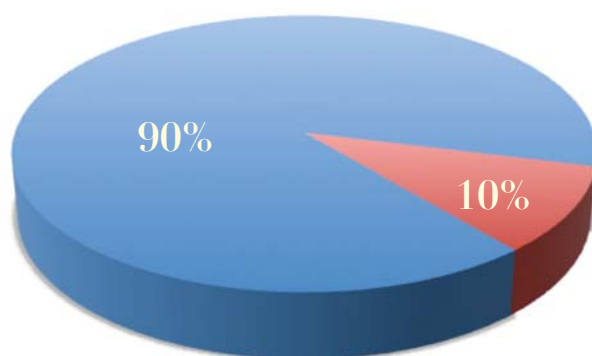
- About **90%** of returning Catholics **do not articulate a doctrinal issue** as a reason why they left.
- The vast majority of fallen-away Catholics have become inactive due to social stresses. A majority of Americans have left the faith of their childhood due to social stressors that devalue religious affiliation and practice.
- As many as 90% of Catholics who have returned say **they were waiting for an invite**.

Pastoral Response:

- **Invitation:** The most common response from this group was “I came because I was invited.” Many responded to the commercials as the invite, and many others were invited by parishioners.
- **Confession:** The confessional was also a place of return for many of these fallen-away Catholics.
- **Engagement:** This group needs to be engaged by active Catholics who live and share their relationship with Christ and the beauty and richness of their Catholic faith.
- It is important to point out that many in this group **do not consider themselves “fallen-away”** but less than active. Many had not been to Church in years but still considered themselves as part of a parish. Efforts of outreach to registered but non-active parishioners and ongoing Catechesis seems to be the most effective tools to counter this phenomenon.

(Catholics Come Home Phoenix)

Returning Catholics



- Too Busy & Waiting for an Invitation
- Doctrinal Issues



Our State of Affairs cont.

Inactive Catholics Cont.

Doctrinal Issues

Profile:

- Of the 10% of returning Catholics who **identify doctrinal issues as a reason for leaving the Church**, the two most prominent concerns are marriage and homosexuality.
- **Marriage:** 20% indicated having Marriage issues, however only 7% indicated that was a reason why they left. All of the 7% fell into dialog with our Offices and many are currently seeking annulments
- **Homosexuality:** (About 3% of emails indicated personal issues of same sex attraction, while an addition 2% referred to the Churches teaching on homosexuality³)

Pastoral Response:

- **Marriage:** Of those in irregular marriages an acknowledgement of God's love for them and an explanation as to why marriage was so highly regarded in the Church seemed to be a great starting point towards more specific dialog on their situation. Validating the goodness and beauty of marriage as a point of departure responded to what many of them had found or been looking for in a marriage. Use of scripture seemed to receive the most positive responses, as did an explanation of how they could appropriately participate in the Church community as they discerned their readiness for whatever steps might be necessary to attempt a resolution of their current situation. Many expressed deep frustration of not being able to receive Holy Communion, and felt it was a form of Church punishment. Others had been instructed to receive and were seeking clarification. A candid conversation about participation in Holy Communion and dignity of Marriage was often difficult but bore much fruit. Many of those who inquired had been promised quick-fixes in the past, and seemed to respond better to the recognition of the difficulty of their situation, and honest answers. The basic misunderstandings of the annulment process also needed to be addressed.
- **Homosexuality:** Of those who had same-sex attractions or referred to the Church's teaching on homosexuality often felt rejected by the Church, for a decision that they were not culpable for. While the dialogs were difficult, proclaiming the Gospel as "Good News" and assuring them of God's love and each of our call to holiness and chastity did elicit positive responses. When necessary an apology was offered for any mistreatment or alienation they had felt from the Church that may have assaulted their dignity as a human, care was taken not to grant dignity to their sin, but to who they are as a child of God. Nearly all those who had same-sex attraction were willing to fall into a dialog but often felt judged at any specific reference to sin or our a universal call to holiness. It was clear that email and phone conversations were not the best way to communicate the love Christ and His Church has for them, but the small efforts made to proclaim in love and truth the teachings of Christ and His Church elicited some positive responses.

(Catholics Come Home Phoenix)

“This vital field of action for the Church requires a radical change of mentality, an authentic new awakening of conscience in everyone. New methods are needed, as are new expressions and new courage” (Cf. John Paul II, Discourse to the 19th General Assembly of CELAM, March 9, 1983, *Insegnamenti di Giovanni Paolo VI*, 1 [1983] pp660-699).

Misunderstanding

Profile:

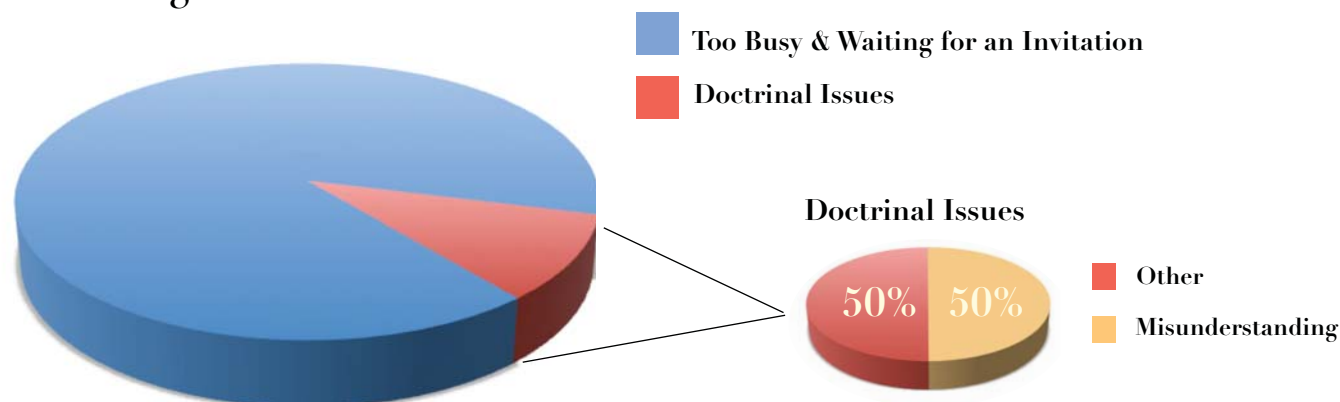
- Of those who articulated doctrinal issues as the reason for leaving, nearly 50% exhibited a fundamental misunderstanding about the church's teaching.

Pastoral Response:

- **Website resources** are a very valuable tool in addressing many issues. Often what is needed is some **clarification**, while at other times **apologetics**. Many people have difficulty making connections with other doctrines. In responding to one issue, there is often a more foundational issue that first needs to be addressed. It is clear that a more comprehensive catechesis that connects the narrative thread of our salvation history with the truths as professed by the Church is necessary.

(Catholics Come Home Phoenix)

Returning Catholics



Those Affiliated with another Christian Denomination

Profile:

- Some Catholics who leave the Catholic Church eventually join **another Christian denomination**, but many do not remain affiliated with that denomination.

Pastoral Response:

- Many who were now affiliated with **another Christian denomination** cited that they were accepted as a remarried person, or as a homosexual. Addressing these individuals was difficult and I am not sure if any approaches succeeded. Sharing with them our desire for their continued conversion and growing in holiness in whatever situation they had established a relationship with Christ earned some positive responses, but no dialog. This sincere desire was coupled with a brief scriptural explanation in support of the Church's teaching on the subject and the promise of prayer.

(Catholics Come Home Phoenix)



Sex Abuse Scandal

Profile:

- Many people cite the sex abuse scandal when referring to leaving the Church. However, **most individuals have actually left the Church for other reasons** but mentioned the sex abuse by priests as further justification for their leaving. (CARA's CCP 2003 shows that nearly 85% of fallen-away Catholics became inactive before the sex abuse scandal.⁶)

Pastoral Response:

- Those who indicated the Sex Abuse Scandal in their correspondence with the Diocese fell into two distinct categories. Those, who like many of us, **were asking how and why did sex abuse of minors by priest happen**, and those **who were convinced that sex abuse is systemic in the Church**.
- The first group **responded extremely positively to shared concern and the presentation of the facts**. Letting them know that the Church was deeply saddened by this, stands with them and the victims in addition to sharing the good work being done with safe environment training, along with the statistics to help put this social issue into context helped restore many people's trust.
- The second group was approached the same way but was **hesitant to believe that the apology and the information offered were sincere**. It was helpful to point out the links to the Dallas Charter, and various apologies issued by the Pope and Bishops.
- It is clear in either case that the Church has more work to do to restore the trust of many fallen-away and non-Catholics. Recognizing faults and in humility sharing the facts, dispelling myths and defending the Church is necessary as many have been misinformed about the percentage of priests involved, and the response of the Church.

(Catholics Come Home Phoenix)

“Entire generations have become disassociated from the support systems that facilitated the transmission of faith. Tragically, the sins of a few have encouraged a distrust in some of the structure of the Church itself” (Wuerl, 10).



A Culture of Evangelization

Why Evangelization?

“Father, you have failed the evangelization test. You are the weakest link. Good bye!”



What this woman wanted, more than anything else, was to hear my story. She wanted to know why I believe. She wanted to hear the reason for my hope!

A Personal Story

One day I went to get my haircut at the store I usually go to. I ended up having my haircut by a woman I had never met before. As the woman began to cut my hair we engaged in a conversation. She asked me if I were a priest (I was wearing my clerics). I told her I was and then she asked me: “so what’s it all about.” I responded: “what’s ‘what’ all about? Christianity?” She said “yes.” I said to myself: “What? I’ve never been asked this question before? What do I say?”

In a somewhat panicked state, I just started talking, desperately trying to give her a big picture of salvation history. Oh yes, I went for it, beginning with the creation of Adam and Eve. Halfway through my explanation I kept thinking: “I am failing miserably,” as I watched her nod her head with a blank look on her face.

All I could think of was Cardinal Seán being on the other side of the mirror evaluating me and saying (in his distinctive voice) “Father, you have failed the evangelization test. You are the weakest link. Good bye!”

The experience led me to some serious reflection over the course of the next couple of days, asking myself how could I have handled this differently? Then it came to me, this woman was not really concerned about the whole of salvation history. She was looking at me, a priest, and trying to figure out: why would a young man do this with his life? What would make a person give up everything to follow Christ?

The words of St. Peter ring true for me: “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope” (1Pet 3:15). What this woman wanted, more than anything else, was to hear my story. She wanted to know **why I believe**. She wanted to hear the **reason for my hope!**

“...The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church...Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize...” (Evangelii Nuntiandi [EN, 14]).



A Culture of Evangelization cont.

Why Evangelize cont.

The Reason for my Hope

The Second Vatican Council made tremendous efforts to communicate to lay faithful everywhere, that all Christians, not just the bishop, priest, nun, monk or consecrated person, are called to holiness. All Christians are called to be holy! All Christians are called to be saints!

The life and witness of the saints lifts us out of a mere horizontal view of reality in order to contemplate that which is eternally Good, Beautiful and True. The saints, whose lives would be considered folly by many of the voices in our culture, lead us to reflect upon the deeper meaning of life; where do I come from, what is the purpose of my life, and what is my destiny?

The saints in the life of the Church proclaim that the answers to these questions, and so many others like them, can be found most fully and completely in the person of Jesus Christ. As the Council articulated: *“Christ, the final Adam, by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and His love, fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear”* (Gaudium et Spes 22). In other words, Christ reveals to us what it means to be human, how to live in this world and the glorious reality that we are invited to share in His very divine life, now and for all eternity.

Pope Benedict, in an address to Catechists, illuminates the reality that an authentic witness to Christ, like the saints have done for centuries, reveals to us the “art of living,” and thus the path to true happiness.

“To evangelize means: to show this path - to teach the art of living. At the beginning of His public life Jesus says: I have come to evangelize the poor (Luke 4:18); this means: I have the response to your fundamental question; I will show you the path of life, the path toward happiness-rather: I am that path... But this art is not the object of a science-this art can only be communicated by [one] who has life-He who is the Gospel personified” (The New Evangelization and Building the Civilization of Love, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Address to Catechists and Religion Teachers, 12 December, 2000).



In the fourteenth chapter of St. John, Jesus proclaims: *“I am the Way; and the Truth and the Life, no one can come to the Father except through Me”* (John 14). This truth has been and will continue to be proclaimed by Christians everywhere until the end of the ages. Christians believe and boldly profess that true liberation from sin, the fullness of life, and eternal life itself, can only be found in and through the Person of Jesus Christ. All those who at this moment enjoy the gift of eternal life, are able to do so because of one reason and one reason alone: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the only Redeemer of Humanity, whose blood obtained for us the hope of salvation.

“For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, so that those who believe in Him may not die but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16)] As Christ was sent by the Father for the redemption of the world so now the Church, through her members, are sent to carry on this mission. *“As the Father has sent me, so I send you”* (Jn) *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”* (Matt 28)].

We are sent forth to invite others to encounter Christ, and to experience the power of His life, His love, His mercy; His Paschal Mystery. For us to hold this sacred truth and joy to ourselves would be a grave injustice to our neighbor, whom God has ultimately created for friendship with Himself.

At the end of every Holy Mass, the priest or deacon says in these or similar words: “the Mass is ended go in peace.” The implication is that our worship will lead us to be like Mary, the Theotokos (“God bearer”) and bring Christ whom we have just received in the Eucharist, to all the world.

“And yet, if His Son came, it was precisely in order to reveal to us, by His word and by His life, the ordinary paths of salvation. And He has commanded us to transmit this revelation to others with His own authority” (EN, 80).



e. CCH Materials	Page 11
i. Information & Website	Page 11
ii. CCH Media	Page 12
iii. Phased Timeline	Page 13
iv. Order Forms (Supplied & Additional Materials)	Page 14
• Sample Materials	Page 15
v. Order Form (Additional Available Materials)	Page 16
• Sample Materials	Page 17
vi. Prayers of the Faithful	Page 19
vii. Homily Helps	Page 20
viii. Bulletin Announcements	Page 27
ix. Mass Count Form	Page 30
x. Training	Page 31
xi. CCH Follow up	Page 32

CCH Boston Materials

Information & Website

Materials have been created in multiple languages to help you prepare the parish to be aware of CCH and to be a more **intentional welcoming home** for those away from the Church.

All of these materials can be accessed and ordered through the “Catholics Come Home Boston” website: www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org

To stay informed please sign up for our **email list** at the bottom of the page:
www.catholicscomehomeboston.org/parishresources/index.html

Catholic Come Home Media

Television Advertising Campaign (*March 7, 2011 to April 24, 2011*)

Television Commercials



Television Commercials

Number:

- English spots 1100
- Spanish spots 600
- Portuguese 600-1300 (to be determined)

Reach and Frequency:

- 92% reach
- Frequency: 20 x/viewer

Stations

English:

- Channels 4 (CBS), 5 (ABC), 7 (NBC), 25 (Fox)
- Cable: Fox news, MSNBC, ESPN, TBS
- Sports:
 - Celtics pre-, post-and in-game (on Comcast Sports Net)
 - Bruins pre-, post-, and in-game (on NESN)
 - Red Sox pre-season including pre-game (on NESN)

Spanish:

- Univision
- Telefutura
- Telemundo

Portuguese:

- Network to be determined

Details

- Prime time included
- Around the clock programming
- Cable stations that are strong in Boston including CNN, FOX, ESPN
- Variety in the length of the commercials
 - English: 60% 30 sec, 30% 60 sec, 10% 120 sec



Phased Timeline





Order Forms

Supplied Materials

Fill this form out or download it online to order the materials that are supplied free of charge.

Catholics Come Home - Boston

ARCHDIOCESAN SUPPLIED MATERIAL



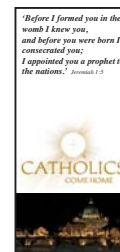
Name _____
 Parish _____
 Town _____

Fax# _____
 Email _____



Poster

ITEM	QUANTITY (circle or write in #)	LANGUAGES (check box)		
		ENGLISH	SPANISH	PORTUGUESE
Poster	5 other _____			
Intention Cards	250 500 other _____			



Please list names here:

Please place this in your parish office to be read on:

Catholics Come Home Boston
 Archdiocese of Boston
 Pastoral Center
 66 Brooks Drive
 Braintree, MA 01905

Intention Cards

Write in the first names of people who are away from the Church and they will be collected at Mass and their return to the Church will be prayed for during Lent.

Pilot Printing • Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center • 66 Brooks Drive
 Braintree, Massachusetts 02184 • Attn. Catholics Come Home Materials

www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org

Please fax this completed form to: 617.300.8687



Show everyone inside and outside the Church
that we are a welcoming and inviting parish.

Introduction



CCH Materials cont.

Order Forms cont.

Additional Materials for Purchase

Fill this form out or download it online to order additional materials for your Parish.

Catholics Come Home - Boston

PARISH ORDERED MATERIALS

Please mail this form or complete order online.



Name _____
 Parish _____
 Town _____
 Email / Fax _____

For banner orders:

Phone# _____
 Website _____



"We Miss You"
brochure

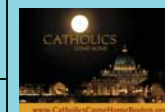


Outdoor
church banners

ITEM	AMOUNT (circle)	PRICE (circle)	LANGUAGES (check box)			TOTAL *All prices include shipping
			ENGLISH	SPANISH	PORTUGUESE	
"We Miss You" brochure	500	\$325				\$
	1000	\$440				
	2500	\$765				
Customized Church banner 3x8 feet Horizontal (other sizes available by request)		\$89 each				\$
Customized Church banner 3x8 feet Vertical (other sizes available by request)		\$89 each				\$
Prayer Cards	500	\$45				\$
	1000	\$65				
	2500	\$135				
Biz Cards	500	\$25				\$
	1000	\$40				
	2500	\$60				
TOTAL						\$



Prayer Card



You Are Always Welcome
in The Catholic Church
 • Begins an adventure with God that will last a lifetime.
 • We invite you to take another look at the Catholic Church.
 Visit CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org to learn more.

Biz Card
Front & Back

Pilot Printing • Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center • 66 Brooks Drive
 Braintree, Massachusetts 02184 • Attn. Catholics Come Home Materials
www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org • 617.746.5885

Please mail
check for
this amount to
address at left.



CCH Materials cont.
Samples Materials cont.

You Are Always Welcome in The Catholic Church

- Begin an adventure with God that will last a lifetime.
- We invite you to take another look at the Catholic Church.

Visit CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org to learn more.

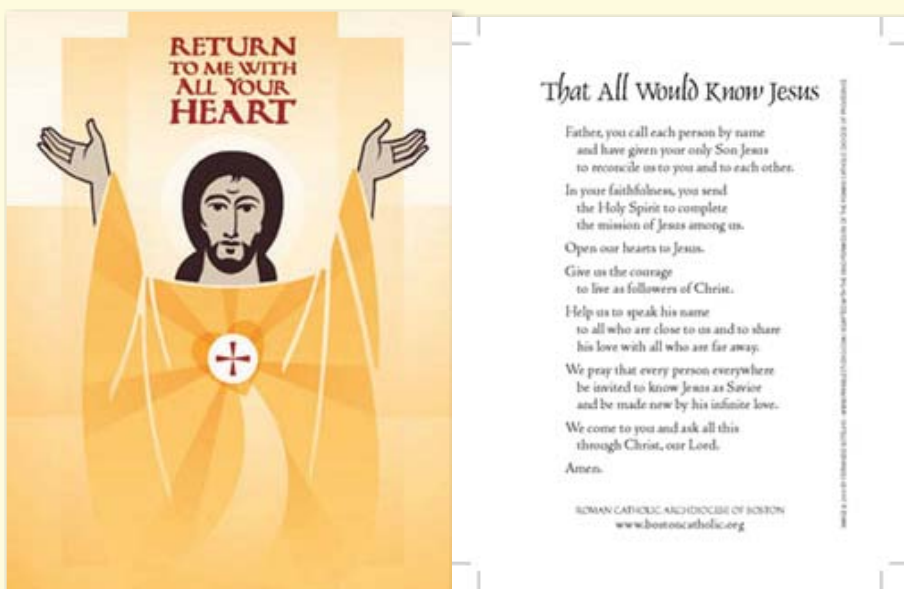


Business Cards:

These cards—the size of standard business cards—are a good item to provide to parishioners to keep in their wallets or pockets to give to Catholics that they would like to invite home. That invitation will remain with the recipient as a reminder of the invitation and includes a link to the Catholics Come Home website. Available in packs of 500, 1,000, and 2,500 and in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. Printed on coated business card stock. These can be placed in the back of the church or in the pews for parishioners to take with them.

Prayer Cards:

Cover this whole initiative with prayer for those to come home to the Church and for us to welcome them in our parishes and to share Jesus with them in the Church. This is the official prayer card of the Catholics Come Home Boston initiative. Available in packs of 500, 1,000, and 2,500 and in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Chinese. Printed on coated stock.





Prayers of the Faithful



Catholics Come Home Boston

Suggested General Intercessions for Lent

Ash Wednesday:

That we who are gathered here take seriously our commission to be ambassadors for Christ and invite those who are not with us each week to come home to our faith community, *we pray to the Lord.*

First week:

That our parish community will be strengthened by the Lenten fast we have begun and reach out to those who have fallen away from the practice of the faith, *we pray to the Lord.*

Second week:

That each of us will be transfigured by the love and mercy of God and be willing to share this love with others, especially those who are not with us each week, *we pray to the Lord.*

Third week:

That our friends and family members who thirst for meaning will recognize Jesus as the source of living water and be quenched by the sacramental life of the Church, *we pray to the Lord.*

Fourth week:

That those who walk in darkness will recognize Jesus as the source of light and life, *we pray to the Lord.*

Fifth week:

That those who are not with us each week will recognize that Martha's words to her sister Mary—"The Teacher is here and is asking for you"—are meant for all of us, *we pray to the Lord.*

Sixth week:

That God will give each of us a well-trained tongue that we may find the words to speak to the weary and to those who have been away from the Church, *we pray to the Lord.*

Prepared by Susan Abbott, Director of Religious Education, Archdiocese of Boston



Homily Helps

Ash Wednesday (March 9th, 2011)

Joel 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2; Matt 6:1-6, 16-18

- Today marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. All who come to pray on this day will receive ashes and be invited to turn away from sin, and conform themselves to Christ.
- There **appears to be a contradiction** between the outward sign of repentance (ashes) and Jesus' instruction: *"But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting..."* (Matt 6:17-18).
- The Prophet Joel calls for a **corporate fast** (*"Blow the trumpet in Zion! Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people..."*) which reminds us *"all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God"* (Rom 3:23), and that all are in need of ongoing repentance and conversion. **The members of the Universal Church throughout the world acknowledge their need for mercy, repentance and conversion. This corporate reality proclaims to all our need for God and our need for a Savior.**
- The sign of the cross made by ashes **marks us to be humble witnesses** to the great mercy and love of our Lord. Yes we are sinners in need of forgiveness, but we are also Children of God who are *"ambassadors"* of His great mercy. Lent marks out a time where we can be *"ambassadors"* of this great mercy to our brothers and sisters who are far away. We can strive to be **living witnesses of His unchanging love.**
- *"...The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church...Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity: She exists in order to evangelize..."* (EN, 14)
- Saint Francis: "preach the Gospel at all times, and if you have to use words."
- **"Hypocrites:"** Jesus uses this word to criticize the Pharisees and anyone who prays, fasts or gives alms for show.
 - The Apostles were witnesses to Christ and His Resurrection. Their lives were transformed by their encounter with Jesus, and they sought to live for Him alone. Looking at the life of St. Peter, St. Paul and many of the saints we can easily say: "every saint had a past and every sinner has a future." **By God's grace we can become living witnesses of Jesus Christ, and invite others, by our words, example, and invitation into a powerful/life-giving friendship with Him, through His Body the Church.**
 - **Remember: "The Light Is On For You,"** Jesus awaits us in this beautiful Sacrament, let's lead by example!



2nd Sunday (March 20th, 2011)

Gen 12:1-4a; 2Tim 1:8b-10; Matt 17:1-9

- When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan by John, the Heavenly Father spoke: *“this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”* In today’s Gospel, the Father once again speaks similar words, and adds an instruction to the Apostles: **“...Do whatever he tells you.”**
- After this instruction, the first words of Jesus are as follows: **“Rise, and do not be afraid.”**
- These words of Jesus have echoed throughout the centuries, to man and woman alike, and yet, how often we forget them.
- Jesus continuously calls us out of ourselves to new life, a “holy life.” He calls us to rise every day and run to Him in daily prayer, especially the Eucharist. He calls us to rise and participate fully in the Sacramental life of the Church. He calls us to rise and live a life of Christian discipleship, bearing witness to him by what we say and what we do.
- We are reminded, that the Transfiguration experience on Mount Tabor was a special grace for the journey of Saints Peter, James and John. This was to strengthen them for the road ahead. **Life on the mountaintop of God’s glory is not the norm of Christian living, but rather life in the valley (of the shadow of death).**
- We need not be afraid to live life fully and faithfully in the valley. It is expected that we will encounter many trials and hardships, for we follow a Crucified and Risen Lord.
- We are called to be a living Gospel for all men and women to hear. **St. Paul tells us that it was through the Gospel that life and immortality in Christ were brought to light. You are called to be a living Gospel, a light shining in the darkness, who will help others to not be afraid to rise and embrace Christ.**
 - Will you let His story be told through you? Will you proclaim His greatness? Will you speak? Will you witness? Will you invite?
- How do we do this? Pope Paul VI calls us first and foremost to be authentic witnesses, in word and deed, to Christ living presence.
 - Pope Paul VI stated that **“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers it is because he is a witness first”** (EN, 41)
- Our faithful witness will lead, one day, to our giving testimony of the great things the Lord has done for us.
 - **“...even the finest witness will prove ineffective in the long run if it is not explained, justified-what Peter called always having ‘your answer ready for people when they ask you the reason for the hope that you all have’...the Good News proclaimed by the witness of life sooner or later has to be proclaimed by the word of life”** (EN, 22).



- The covenant God made with Abraham did not promise that his life would be easy. **Abraham's faith was tried and tested** as he literally put his entire life on the line for the Lord; *his willingness to leave his home and family to follow God's plan, and ultimately offering his son Isaac in sacrifice.*
- Abraham's willingness to step out of his comfort zone, to put his neck on the line for his faith, gives an example of what it means to live by faith; what it means to live for Christ in the valley.
- *"And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the Good News not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervor, who have first received the joy of Christ, who are willing to risk their lives so that the kingdom may be proclaimed and the Church established in the midst of the world" (EN, 80).*
- This week, as we continue our Lenten discipline, the Lord commissions us to be His witnesses. There are so many people, especially Catholics who, for one reason or another, have fallen away. Christ is counting on us, to be His hands, His feet, His voice to reach out to these people.
- His words to us are simple and straightforward: **"Rise, do not be afraid."** And by the grace of God, we will realize, as the Apostles did, that we are not alone: *"...they saw no one else but Jesus..."*
- **"The Light is On For You"** is a great program to invite our brothers and sisters, who have been away from the Lord and His Church, to experience this Lent.

3rd Sunday (March 27th, 2011)

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

- *"The woman left her water jar."* Why? A) Her thirst was quenched; B) She was set free; and C) She had a story to tell.
- A quick inventory of the desires of the human heart (food, drink, health, love, peace, justice, life, etc.) shows us that **we long to be happy**; the immediate fulfillment of our desires should bring happiness. **Ultimately, the happiness we long for is deeper than the satisfaction any person or thing can offer.** "You have made us for Yourself oh God, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you" (St. Augustine, Confessions).
- The woman of five plus husbands who meets Jesus at the well thirsts for a love that her five previous husbands could not offer. Jesus, the remedy for her dry, weary heart, lovingly proposes to her a remedy-His Living Water.

- Her encounter with the Bridegroom of her soul is dramatic; she is transformed and changed, she is satisfied because her dry, weary soul drinks from the fountain of Living Water.
- She is so touched by the presence of Jesus, filled with His love, that her earthly desires become secondary to the PERSON of Jesus. She leaves her water Jar, because her thirst has been quenched.
 - “The water jar is the fallen desire of man that draws pleasure from the dark wells of the world but is never satisfied for long. Conversion to Christ moves us, like the Samaritan woman, to renounce the world, leave behind the desires of our earthen vessels, and follow a new way of life” (St. Augustine, Tract. On John, 15, 16, 30).
- Saint Paul’s proclamation: “*But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.*” The person who has encountered, who has received the “Gift of God” in the person of Jesus, drinks of the Living Water, and is able to say: “But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners, **CHRIST DIED FOR ME!!!!**”
- **“The Light is On For You”** initiative provides an extraordinary way to experience the personal love of Christ, mediated to us through the ministry of the priest.
- This encounter with Jesus, this encounter with His love draws us out of ourselves, and beckons us to repentance and conversion. **Leaving our “water jar” behind, we are truly free to love as God loves. For whoever commits sin becomes a slave to sin, but through repentance and conversion we experience the freedom of the Children of God.**
- Having received the “*Gift of God*,” the “*Living Water*” of His Holy Spirit, the woman now seeks to share this “*Gift*” with others. She testifies, she tells others what Jesus has done for her.
- What is our story? Who is Jesus for you? What has He done for you in your life? Could you share that story with someone? **The mark of the disciple, like the woman at the well, is that a disciple desires to share THIS GOOD NEWS with others.** One of the best, non-threatening ways we can do this, is by **sharing our story; what Jesus means to you, who Jesus is for you, why do you follow Him, why do you go to Church?**
- What’s your story?





4th Sunday (April 3rd, 2011)

1Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

- In Chapter 8 of St. John's Gospel Jesus proclaims: *"I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."* The Pharisees respond immediately by saying to Jesus: *"You testify on your own behalf, so your testimony cannot be verified"* (Jn 8:12, 13).
- In today's Gospel (John 9) the miracle (sign) of the man born blind testifies to the glorious *"works of God"* in Christ Jesus.
 - "Sign" (or miracle) is used 17 times in the Gospel of St. John and is mostly contained in the first twelve chapters, known as the "Book of Signs." There are seven signs (miracles) in the Gospel of John. St. John uses the term sign, not only to indicate the great miracles of Jesus, but more importantly, **to point to the person of Christ, whose glory and power are revealed through them.**
- The man's blindness reminds us of **what life is like without Faith – we walk in darkness and shadow of death** (loneliness, isolation, alienation, desperation). Jesus' encounter with this man lifts him out of darkness and into His own wonderful light.
- **Friendship with Jesus continuously calls us out to renewal.** We are always in constant need of conversion. No one is immune from the need for daily conversion!
- This new life calls us to a new way being, seeing, and living. We are *"Children of the Light"* (Eph), whose lives are to testify to the presence, the life, the love, the mercy, the person of Jesus Christ.
 - New way of being – *"it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me"* (Gal 2:20).
 - We love with the love of Christ Jesus; His grace changes us and empowers us.
 - New way of seeing – *"not as man sees does God see"* (1 Sam).
 - We see the world, our neighbor, each other as Christ sees them
 - New way of living – *"live as Children of the light"* (Eph)
 - Our lives, united with and conformed to Christ, become a light shining in the darkness (of sin, pain, doubt, lukewarmness, despair, etc), a living Gospel (of peace, mercy, love, hope) for all to hear.
- **The work of Evangelization calls for great courage and patience:**
 - Courage - Christ was willing to take the risk of healing on the Sabbath knowing that His persecutors would take action.
 - Patience - Christ was patient with the Blind Man as it took him a while to come to faith. Notice the progression and deepening of faith in the Blind Man by the way he refers to Jesus: "man," "prophet," "from God," and "Lord."



- Pope Benedict notes that Don Didimo, a parish priest of Bassano del Grappa, wrote that “*‘Jesus preached by day; by night he prayed.’ With these few words, he wished to say: Jesus had to acquire the disciples from God. The same is always true. We ourselves cannot gather men. We must acquire them by God for God. All methods are empty without the foundation of prayer. The word of the announcement must always be drenched in an intense life of prayer.*” (Address to Catechists and Religion Teachers, 2000).
- Our intimate friendship with Jesus and the new and abundant life He wishes us to share in, **beckon us to be part of HIS Mission!** Christ is counting on you and I to be a living sign, to testify to His presence in the world. The **Blind Man**, symbolized by so many of our brothers and sisters who are in darkness (far away from living in the love, mercy and freedom of Jesus), is waiting for you...is waiting for your testimony...will you leave him in the dark?

5th Sunday of Lent (April 10th, 2011)

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

- “It’s a matter of life or death.” When we ponder the reality of sin, which leads to death, and grace, which leads to life, we can say that the spiritual life is a matter of life and death. The Catechism rightly points out that we are in a “**spiritual battle**” for the effects of original sin leave our human nature wounded, weakened and inclined to evil (CCC 405).
- The themes of this weekend’s readings, death and life, flesh and spirit address the very issue of living out our Baptism; **life in the Holy Spirit, as God’s adopted Children, versus living under the relentless slavery of sin and death.**
- St. Paul reminds us that if we are living in the flesh we cannot please God. What is needed is a change of heart and a resolve to live in the spirit.
- Jesus’ words “*Lazarus, come out*” are spoken with authority and power as he calls him forth from the grave. **When the Christian goes to the Sacrament of Confession, and lays down the burden of their sins, the priest, with all of the power and authority of God, raises this soul from death to life!**
- **Coming to life in Christ, paradoxically calls us to a death-to die to the old self.** It calls us to be transformed in our mind and behaviors, to die to the “old” ways of thinking and seeing life, and to see them with the mind of Christ.
- Pope Benedict writes: “*The Greek word for converting means to rethink-to question one’s own and common way of living; to allow God to enter into the criteria of one’s life; to not merely judge according to the current opinions. Thereby, to convert means: not to live as all the others live, not do what all do, not feel justified in dubious, ambiguous, evil actions just because others do the same; begin to see one’s life through the eyes of God; thereby looking for the good, even if uncomfortable; not aiming at the judgment of the majority; of men, but on the justice of God-in other words: to look for a new style of life, a new life*” (Address to Catechists and Religion Teachers, 2000).



CCH Materials cont.

Homily Helps cont.

- **“The Light Is On For You”** this week, come and experience this power!
- Ezekiel prophesies resurrection and a return to the sacred land. In the fullness of Revelation, this Sacred Word is fulfilled every time one sinner repents and turns back to the Lord. **We are raised to New Life in Him and the Land we return to, our Home, is Life in the loving embrace of the Most Blessed Trinity.**
- **Heaven begins here and now, and reaches its fulfillment after death.**
- Like Ezekiel, like Jesus, we are called to speak Truth and Life into the darkness of sin and death. **As our culture increasingly pushes God out of the center, we begin to lose sight of our dignity, our origin, our most high calling. God is substituted for the dominion of man, and man is incapable of saving himself. It will be up to you, the baptized believer, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to bear witness to the Life of Christ, and invite others to experience His presence in the Sacraments of the Church.**
 - *“And yet, if His Son came, it was precisely in order to reveal to us, by His word and by His life, the ordinary paths of salvation. And He has commanded us to transmit this revelation to others with His own authority” (EN, 80).*





Bulletin Announcements

Special CCH themed bulletin announcements correlating to the Sunday reading and encouraging different evangelization themes. Currently also in Spanish online.



Catholics Come Home Boston

Suggested Bulletin Content

Sunday before Ash Wednesday

Catholics Come Home —The readings we will hear on Wednesday couldn't be any clearer. The prophet Joel tells us: "Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart ... and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment."

Saint Paul tells the Corinthians, *and us*, "We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God... Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

On Wednesday, when the ashes are placed on our foreheads, we have a choice to make. We can be ambassadors for Christ and share our personal experience of our God who is rich in kindness, or we can remain silent. Now is a very acceptable time to invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who have been away from the Catholic Church to come home. **www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org**

First Sunday - March 13

Catholics Come Home —Today we hear Matthew tell us of Jesus' preparation for his public ministry. Matthew writes: "He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry."

And who wouldn't be hungry? Some people have a hard enough time with fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday. There is another kind of hunger, one that isn't related to what we eat. Most of us know—or perhaps are related to—people who have a spiritual thirst. They have not been with us each week as we come together to praise God and find strength in His word, His sacrament, and each other. There is an empty place when the family gathers. Pray this week for the courage to invite someone you know to come home.

www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org



Second Sunday – March 20

Catholics Come Home—Imagine being on the mountain with Jesus and Peter, James, and John. How to begin to understand what happened! Peter got it right when he said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here”. For our family of faith, though, some of us are *not* here. How can we convince them that Jesus waits for us to return? Pray to the Holy Spirit this week for the right words to say to someone you know who has been away. www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org

Third Sunday – March 27

Catholics Come Home—This week we hear about water and thirst. With all of the precipitation this winter has brought, it is hard to imagine being thirsty. The Samaritan woman at the well is an important figure in the Gospel. She is an evangelist *par excellence* leaving her water jug to tell the townspeople what she had heard. John writes: “Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified. He told me everything I have done.” We do not know her name but we know that her conversation with Jesus is lengthy. With whom do we need to have a conversation this week? To whom can we bring the news that Jesus offers living water? Invite someone who has been away to come home. Jesus is waiting.
www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org

Fourth Sunday – April 3

Catholics Come Home—If you’re reading this in the bulletin, you’re here, with us, worshipping God and being strengthened by His word and sacrament, on a faith journey with those sitting around you—whether you know them by name or not. You see what the Lord has prepared for us: “You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.” Some people have forgotten what awaits us here. In the Gospel, the parents of the man born blind respond to the Pharisees: “We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.” It’s our task—all of us here—to speak for ourselves about how God has opened *our* eyes; speak of how God works in our lives to those who are not here.
www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org

Fifth Sunday – April 10

Catholics Come Home—We’ve heard the story of Lazarus a million times and know some of this story by heart. “*And Jesus wept.*” “*See how he loved him.*” “*Untie him and let him go.*” This is a story of friendship, love, emotion, and miracles. During the week take a few minutes to re-read this beautiful Gospel passage (John 11:1-45
www.usccb.org/nab/041011.shtml)

Think of the people you love who are not with us each week. What word or phrase jumps out at you? How can you bring Jesus’ promise of eternal life to them? Why re-invent the wheel? Perhaps the simplest and best



words are those of Martha to her sister Mary: "The Teacher is here and is asking for you." **www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org**

Sixth Sunday – April 17 Palm Sunday

Catholics Come Home—Our Lenten journey is nearing an end. We are at the beginning of the most solemn week in our Church calendar. Some people joined us six weeks ago on Ash Wednesday and perhaps there are people here today who have not been with us each week. It is good for us to be together! How much better our observance of Lent would have been if everyone who came for ashes and everyone who is here for palms, was with us each week! And how much better our celebration of the Easter season will be (not just one day but a *whole season*) and beyond, if we gather here to worship God and give thanks for the blessings in our lives *each week*.

The prophet Isaiah says: "The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them." We pray that each of us will be open to the working of the Holy Spirit within us, that each of us will develop a well-trained tongue that will rouse the weary and invite and welcome people home to the practice of the faith. **www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org**

Prepared by Susan Abbott, Director of Religious Education, Archdiocese of Boston





Mass Count Form

Collecting data is an essential component of CCH. Please follow the instructions below and return this form to the Secretariat for Faith Formation and Evangelization in both March and May.



SPECIAL "CATHOLICS COME HOME" MEDIA CAMPAIGN COUNT

SECRETARIAT FOR FAITH FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION

Parish / Town: _____

Parish ID #: _____

Mass Attendance	Capacity of Worship Site for this Mass	Pre-Campaign Count March 5/6 or 12/13	Post-Campaign Count May 7/8 or 14/15
SATURDAY			
Vigil			
Vigil			
Vigil			
Vigil			
SUNDAY			
AM			
AM			
AM			
AM			
AM			
AM			
AM			
PM			
PM			
TOTAL			

The Archdiocese is conducting a pre- and post- Catholics Come Home media campaign Mass Count.
The Count should be done on the following weekends:

Pre-campaign March 5/6 or 12/13, 2011
Date Report due: no later than Wednesday, March 16

Post-campaign May 7/8 or 14/15, 2011
Date Report due: no later than Wednesday, May 18

Please count (do NOT estimate or guess) ALL attending each Mass.

THIS REPORT PREPARED BY:

Name Title Date

PASTOR/ADMINISTRATOR/MODERATOR:

(Signature)

Please mail to: Janet Benestad, Secretary for Faith Formation and Evangelization, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, MA 02184



Training



Catholics Come Home Workshop

For Pastors, Pastoral Staff, Parish leaders

Dr. Tom Curran

My Catholic Faith.org

Dr. Curran will speak about the best ways to evangelize inactive Catholics and help to prepare your parish to welcome returning Catholics.

- *Tuesday, February 22 – St. Michael, North Andover 1-3pm*
- *Wednesday, February 23 – Our Lady Help of Christians, Newton 1-3pm*
- *Thursday, February 24 – Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Braintree 1-3pm*

Please complete:

Parish _____ Town _____

Phone _____ Email contact: _____

Number attending _____ Workshop date: _____

To register please respond to:

Ann Cussen
Phone: 617-779-3644
Email: ann_cussen@rcab.org
FAX: 617-779-4570

Topics for Video Presentations by

Tom Curran

My Catholic Faith.org

- Evangelization: the primary mandate in the parish mission statement!
- What is evangelizing catechesis and how does it foster a welcoming parish community?
- What is an evangelization team and how can we form one?
- How to invite a friend/relative/neighbor to Mass?
- How does an evangelizing parish prepare for liturgy?
- How will the *Roman Missal* contribute to more active participation in the Mass?
- How does the parish staff work together to form others for discipleship?
- “Why greeters are so important”?
- How to answer tough questions about the Church such as questions about sex abuse, Church teaching on contraception, same-sex marriage, etc?
- What are the best ways to foster Catholic traditions in the home?



CCH Follow Up

Please fill out the following assessment and be sure to fill out your mass count form again.



Catholics Come Home Boston Post CCH Assessment

Parish: _____

I have seen the commercials on TV. Yes____ No____

About How Many Times _____

I have seen the commercials displayed at Mass or at a parish meeting. Yes____ No____

In your opinion how much impact will the commercials have? A lot ____ Some____ None____

Did you notice an increase in Mass attendance since the commercials aired (Ash Wednesday)?
A lot ____ Some____ None____

Any Comments you would like to share? _____

We would like to continue airing these inspiring Catholic television messages in your community, and on national TV networks! Will you please help?

You can count on me to help! Please contact me.

(Your information will be kept confidential)

Name (print): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ - _____ Email: _____

Please drop in collection basket at Mass, or mail to:

Catholics Come Home, RCAB Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, MA 02184

God bless you!



2. Roles in CCH?

a. Active Catholics	Page 34
b. Ministers of 1 st Impression	Page 36
c. Different Roles in Parish	Page 37
i. Pastor & Clergy.....	Page 37
ii. The Parish Staff.....	Page 38
iii. The Parish Evangelization Team	Page 38
• Missionary Captain	Page 38
• Evangelization Team	Page 39
d. CCH Best Practices	Page 40
i. Best Practices Checklist	Page 40
ii. Hospitality: A Parish Self-Evaluation	Page 42
iii. Parish Reflection Tool.....	Page 45
iv. Parish Staff Workshops.....	Page 47
v. Phone Refresher Skills.....	Page 53
vi. Usher Greeter Program Suggestions.....	Page 54
vii. Usher, Hospitality Teams & Greeters (Tips)	Page 56

Clearly there needs to be the strong and supportive **witness, leadership, and pastoral oversight of the Pastor and priests**. Initial research is showing that if a priest **maintains these** and **then delegates** the clear tasks and responsibilities of the project to an active, faithful, and formed lay person, then the **success of the program increases in both the short and long term results**.

Surrounding this missionary captain with the creation of an Evangelization Team of other active Catholics increases the results even more. Lastly, appointing the all the parish staff to serve as members of the Evangelization Team increases the access to, and intentional inclusion of, all the ministries through out the parish (and school if applicable) and infuses them with a renewed energy and fruitfulness.



"At last I have found my vocation. In the heart of the Church, I will be Love!" (St. Therese).



Active Catholics

Active Catholics are surprisingly **not necessarily very different** than inactive Catholics.

There are a few areas where one might notice some *slight differences*:

- Likely to believe in, experience, and look for the **presence of God**.
- Likely to **attend weekly Mass**.
- Likely to value the Sacraments and believe they actually do something.

The Supporting Data

How important are each of the following aspects of Mass to you?			
Respondents who attend Mass at least a few times a year responding "somewhat" or "very" important			
	<i>By Mass Attendance</i>		
	Weekly or More	Less than weekly but at least once a month	A few times a year only
Feeling the presence of God	97%	93%	79%
Prayer and reflection	97%	92%	90%
Receiving Eucharist/Holy Communion	97%	89%	88%
Hearing the reading and the Gospel	97%	89%	83%
Heading the homily	95%	90%	66%
That Mass is celebrated in the language I most prefer	84%	82%	81%
Worshipping with other people	87%	80%	62%
The Music	85%	60%	66%
The church environment and decorations	72%	64%	62%
That Mass is celebrated in a way that reflects my ethnic/ancestral culture	69%	66%	75%



Active Catholics cont.

However, there is one area where one can notice a single major difference:

- **More likely to believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist and that the bread and wine are not merely symbols (CARA 2008 Study).**

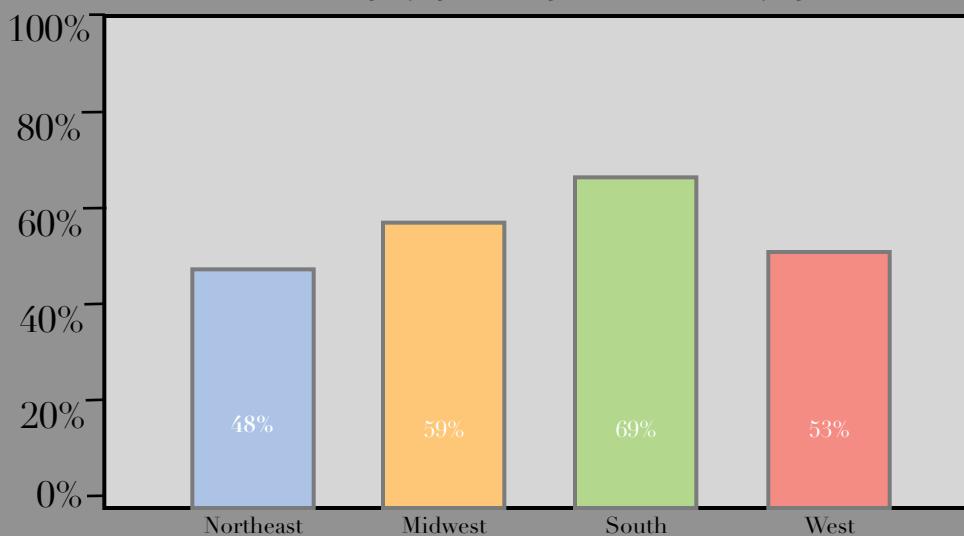
The Supporting Data:

Which of the following statements best agrees with your belief about the Eucharist/Holy Communion?

	<i>By Mass Attendance</i>		
	Weekly or More	Less than weekly but at least once a month	A few times a year only
Jesus Christ is really present in the bread and wine of the Eucharist	91%	65%	40%
Prayer and reflection	9%	35%	60%

We need to help our Active Catholics by supplying them with all the tools they might need to be the front line evangelizers they want to be in the regular daily life.

“Jesus Christ is really present in the bread & wine of the Eucharist”
Percentage saying this “best agrees” with their belief, by region



Ministers of First Impression

Every Catholic in the Parish needs to be a part of CCH because every single person contributes to the community being one of welcoming and joy, or not. Research shows that the people who regularly go to Church have an average of seven good friends in that same parish. The parish is a community for them that they want to be at.

The next time you walk into your own parish imagine being new to the parish, new to the Boston area, maybe even new to Catholicism. If you called the parish, emailed, or checked the website, what would you see and hear?

If you went to the parish for the first time, what would greet you? Who would meet you? Did anyone even acknowledge you? Is anyone even smiling? Would you be missed if you walked out and never came back? Did anything, or better *anyone*, really help you notice, understand, and value what is happening around you, naturally and supernaturally?

When we put ourselves in the shoes of someone who has not been in our parish ever or for a while, it is easy to see how everyone in the community is a “Minister of 1st Impression”. God made us to be relational, with Him and with others. We value relationships and community. We also live in a very visual culture where we absorb and judge what we see immediately. **There is often not a second chance to make a good first impression.**



Most people immediately list the Pastor, Priests and Deacons as the people who should make a good impression. That is true. But most people do not really get to have a long conversation of substance with the presider on the way in or out of Mass.

But what about the rest of the **Professional Staff**: the receptionist, director of religious education, coordinator of youth ministry, pastoral associate, principal, music director, maintenance staff? These are people with whom one could have a first conversation.

Let us not forget all the **volunteer positions** that most people actually do meet first and interact with regularly in and out of Church: members of the parish council, finance council, sacristan, catechists, coaches, scout leaders.

And lastly, yet just as importantly, there are those who are the **members of the community** in the community. The people who step up to serve and everyone sees them: the Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, greeters, ushers and collectors.....Everyone in the pews who greets one another at the sign of peace and then goes “in peace, to love and serve our Lord” has a role to play.



Different Roles in Parishes

The Pastor and Clergy

Promotion

- **You need to be the lead promoter of CCH**
 - Provide the pastoral oversight necessary
 - Your attitude is contagious!
- **Preach Evangelization**
 - Help parishioners understand exactly what Evangelization is.
 - Help parishioners understand the vital importance of Evangelization in our mission and identity as Church.
 - Encourage a “culture of Evangelization” and everyone’s role in that culture.
- **Show and use the CCH materials**
 - Commercials
 - Posters
 - Prayer Cards
 - Prayer Intention Cards
 - Make Announcements from the Pulpit

Delegation

- **Identify your champion volunteer(s) to be your official parish “Missionary Captain” as your parish contact**
 - Meet with them to inform them of their tasks and responsibilities and why you chose them
 - Assist your parish “Missionary Captain” in recruiting and creating your parish “Evangelization Team”
 - Give them the necessary resources to succeed
- **Meet with your parish staff**
 - Help staff help parishioners understand exactly what Evangelization is.
 - Help staff help parishioners understand the vital importance of Evangelization in our mission and identity as Church.
 - Encourage a “culture of Evangelization” and everyone’s role in that culture.
- **Show and use the CCH materials**
 - Explain to them CCH
 - How Evangelization is at the core of both CCH and their own ministries
 - State your clear expectations for their service and support to the “Evangelization Team”.
 - Consider having them sit on the parish “Evangelization Team” because when the staff serves on the team the excitement of CCH and evangelization more naturally flows in and through their own ministries.

Your Witness to the Whole Community

- **Teach them about CCH**
- **Preach to them about Evangelization**
- **Encourage them**
 - To be a witness to the Faith
 - To reach out to family, friends, neighbors, and strangers in order to invite them to Church
 - Deepen their own faith
- **Train them to share their faith**



The Parish Staff

All Staff

- To place a renewed primacy on Evangelization
- To pray for CCH
- To refer people to your parish CCH campaign
- To share the fullness of the “Good News” with others in and through their present and future programming
- To place an emphasis on hospitality
- To remember to be flexible with other people and ideas
- To support the parish “Missionary Captain”
- To serve on the Parish “Evangelization Team”

Individual Staff Examples

- **Secretaries** might choose to be more hospitable by always starting their contact with an introduction using their name on the phone or in person.
- **Directors of Religious Education** might choose to consider using a special curriculum to introduce all the children of the parish and their parents to CCH so they know what they will be seeing and hearing about in the life of the parish.
- **Coordinators of Youth Ministry** might choose to show the CCH commercials at a youth night and highlight the role the youth have in encouraging and inviting their families, friends, and neighbors back to Church.
- **Musicians** might choose to use more familiar liturgically appropriate music consistently during the campaign so people can learn and sing along.
- **Principals** might choose to host a special event for the faculty, students and their families, celebrating and thanking them for the ways they witness to Catholicism while encouraging everyone to take the next step in their faith and inviting others.
- **Volunteers** might choose to integrate CCH into all they do and take every opportunity to mention it to others in and through their service and truth the teachings of Christ and His Church elicited some positive responses.

The Parish “Evangelization Team”

“Missionary Captain”

- Select and recruit other parishioners with your Pastor to be a part of the Evangelization Team.
- Order parish resources with permission of your Pastor.
- Attend all CCH trainings and meetings.
- Read through CCH Boston parish procedural guide
- Become familiar with the website and all the materials.
- Communicate clearly and regularly with your Team.
- Include all the ministries in the parish.
- Be a Witness to the Faith
 - Lead by serving others
 - Be open to all ideas
 - Make decisions



Different Roles in Parishes cont.

The Parish “Evangelization Team” cont.

The Parish “Evangelization Team” Cont.

“Evangelization Team”

- **Work with the Parish “Missionary Captain”**
 - Attend all meetings for CCH planning, prep, and follow-up
 - Become familiar with the program, website and materials
 - Discuss how to best utilize the gifts of Parishioners and to get them involved
 - Hold parish information meetings
 - Use modern media to give and receive communications
 - Together answer the question, “How are we going to identify, invite, welcome, and support inactive (and less than active) Catholics?”
- **Pray regularly as a Team**
 - Learn more about Evangelization
 - Deepen your own Faith
 - Be prepared to give “a reason for your hope”
- **Be intentionally welcoming and hospitable**
 - Introduce yourself to people and people to other people
 - Smile!
 - Be easily identifiable
 - Invest in name-tags, shirts, etc.
 - Answer people’s questions
 - If you do not know, then find out who does and connect them with the person and the answer.
 - Have a way of gathering and tracking contact information.
 - Brainstorm ideas on how to be more welcoming as a parish community.
- **Form Relationships**
 - Get to know the people in your community
 - Learn names
 - Remember things about them
 - Show you care as a fellow parishioner
 - Create opportunities that foster real relationships to form, grow, and are shared with others
- **Get Newcomers Connected**
 - Know what is offered and available
 - In your parish
 - In the surrounding parishes
 - In the Archdiocese
 - On the website
- **Create even more intentional opportunities to foster real relationships to form, grow, and share with others**
- **Take the next steps for Catechesis and Service**



CCH Best Practices

Best Practices Checklist

This BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST offers some ideas as your parish joins with all the other parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston to welcome home our brothers and sisters.

PASTOR & CLERGY

Promotion

- ☐ You need to be the lead promoter of CCH
- ☐ Preach Evangelization
- ☐ Show and use the CCH materials

Delegation

- ☐ Identify your champion volunteer(s) to be your official parish “Missionary Captain” as your parish contact
- ☐ Meet with your parish staff
- ☐ Show and use the CCH materials

Your Witness to the Whole Community

- ☐ Teach them about CCH
- ☐ Preach to them about Evangelization
- ☐ Encourage them
- ☐ Train them to share their faith

PARISH STAFF

All Staff

- ☐ To place a renewed primacy on Evangelization
- ☐ To pray for CCH
- ☐ To refer people to your parish CCH campaign
- ☐ To share the fullness of the “Good News” with others in and through their present and future programming
- ☐ To place an emphasis on hospitality
- ☐ To remember to be flexible with other people and ideas
- ☐ To support the parish “Missionary Captain”
- ☐ To serve on the Parish “Evangelization Team”



Individual Staff Examples

- ☐ **Secretaries** might choose to be more hospitable by always starting their contact with an introduction using their name on the phone or in person.
- ☐ **Directors of Religious Education** might choose to consider using a special curriculum to introduce all the children of the parish and their parents to CCH so they know what they will be seeing and hearing about in the life of the parish.
- ☐ **Coordinators of Youth Ministry** might choose to show the CCH commercials at a youth night and highlight the role the youth have in encouraging and inviting their families, friends, and neighbors back to Church.
- ☐ **Musicians** might choose to use more familiar liturgically appropriate music consistently during the campaign so people can learn and sing along. **Principals** might choose to host a special event for the faculty, students and their families, celebrating and thanking them for the ways they witness to Catholicism while encouraging everyone to take the next step in their faith and inviting others.
- ☐ **Volunteers** might choose to integrate CCH into all they do and take every opportunity to mention it to others in and through their service and truth the teachings of Christ and His Church elicited some positive responses.

PARISH EVANGELIZATION TEAM

Missionary Captain

- ☐ Select and recruit other parishioners with your Pastor to be a part of the Evangelization Team.
- ☐ Order parish resources with permission of your Pastor.
- ☐ Attend all CCH trainings and meetings.
- ☐ Read through CCH Boston parish procedural guide
- ☐ Become familiar with the website and all the materials.
- ☐ Communicate clearly and regularly with your Team.
- ☐ Include all the ministries in the parish.
- ☐ Be a Witness to the Faith

]Evangelization Team

- ☐ Work with the Parish “Missionary Captain”
- ☐ Pray regularly as a Team
- ☐ Be intentionally welcoming and hospitable
- ☐ Form Relationships
- ☐ Get Newcomers Connected
- ☐ Create even more intentional opportunities to foster real relationships to form, grow, and share with others
- ☐ Take the next steps for Catechesis and Service



Parish Hospitality Self-Evaluation

In the first column, please rate your current assessment of the quality of **welcome, invitation, belonging, or hospitality** that exists in each of the areas listed below.

Use the scale:

1 : Needs help | 2 : Adequate | 3 : Excellent

Return to this survey in six months and again in twelve months to re-evaluate hospitality in your parish.

HOSPITALITY	NOW	IN 6 MOS	IN 12 MOS
In General			
Hospitality Team			
Planning			
Raising Awareness			
Training			
Evaluation			
A parish priority			
Training for parishioners			
Training for volunteer lay ministers			
Attitude of staff			
Before Mass			
Church building			
Curb appeal			
Parking lot			
Vestibule			
Greeters			
Ushers			
Pre-Mass welcome			
Seating (smile, make room, welcome others in the pew)			
Guest Book			



CCH Best Practices cont.

Parish Hospitality Self-Evaluation cont.

HOSPITALITY	NOW	IN 6 MOS	IN 12 MOS
During Mass			
Sound system			
Temperature			
Special seating for the elderly			
Handicapped Access			
Special aides (e.g. for hearing impaired)			
Singing (participation)			
Presider(expresses welcome)			
Lectors (proclamation)			
Homily (inclusive and relevant)			
Sign of Peace (participation)			
After Mass			
Clergy at exit(s)			
Lay ministers at exits			
Social (participation)			
Staff members present			
Guests meeting other parishioners			
Follow-up to guests and visitors in place			
“Welcome to Our Parish” materials available			
Bulletin messages			



CCH Best Practices cont.

Parish Hospitality Self-Evaluation cont.

HOSPITALITY	NOW	IN 6 MOS	IN 12 MOS
Community Relations			
Friendly reputation			
Neighborhood teams			
Small groups			
Public relations			
Press coverage			
Diocese			
Neighboring parishes			
Civic groups			
Ecumenical/Interfaith			
Youth			
Recognition of professionals, community leaders, etc.			

© 2006 Susan Blum Gerding.



Parish Reflection Tool

Parish:

Name (Optional):

Date:

Visible Signs of Evangelism

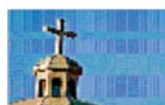
Using a scale of 1 to 5, with "1" being excellent and "5" being very poor, estimate and evaluate some of the visible signs of evangelization as you look at your parish today. Enter the rating that you would provide your parish in the space to the left of each number.

- _____ 1. Individual Catholics have a sense of personal mission and "being sent" to spread and share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.
- _____ 2. Parishioners are volunteering for church programs, ministries, organizations and outreach.
- _____ 3. Parishioners actively and regularly participate in the celebration of the sacramental life of the Church, esp. the Eucharist and Reconciliation.
- _____ 4. Parishioners are enthusiastic about being Catholic.
- _____ 5. Parishioners have the feeling that being a part of your parish makes a real difference in their lives-not just within the parish but also in their familial, social and workplace environments.
- _____ 6. The parish is a place of welcoming, invitation and outreach.
- _____ 7. Parishioners are invited to be part of the various ministries and organizations of the parish.
- _____ 8. Inactive Catholics are being invited to return to the practice of their faith.
- _____ 9. The parish reaches out to non-Catholics and invites them to experience what being Catholic means.
- _____ 10. The parish leadership follows up with and makes sure that those who want to become involved with the church are integrated into the ministries and organizations.
- _____ 11. Homilies include evangelizing elements.
- _____ 12. Evangelization appears as a primary mandate in the parish mission statement.
- _____ 13. All parish ministries and operations are encountered to participate and collaborate in evangelization.



- _____14. The parish supports a parish evangelization team
- _____15. Every parish ministry and organization bases its mission on spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- _____16. The parish offers and supports programs on prayer, Sacred Scripture, small-faith sharing groups, small Christian communities, and other opportunities for parishioners to grow in their faith.
- _____17. Individual Catholics exhibit the spirit of hospitality by welcoming others to become involved in parish ministries and activities, by bringing non-parishioners or inactive Catholics to church with them, and/or by taking the time to make sure others who express an interest becoming involved, actually become involved.
- _____18. Hospitality is visible in all ministries, activities and operations.
- _____19. The parish offers ministries that address the life transitions of its parishioners and other Catholics and people in the local area.
- _____20. The parish offers programs, seminars and other events informing parishioners and others of the social teachings of the Church and encourages them to put them into practice.
- _____21. Liturgies incorporate justice themes, esp. during the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent and highlight feast days of saints that have been models of justice. Homilies emphasize justice.
- _____22. Parishioners are involved in legislative advocacy to encourage civic responsibility in creating or changing legislation that is compassionate and just.
- _____23. Parish leaders are involved in community organizing or community based economic development projects supported through agencies such as the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
- _____24. Global solidarity is encouraged in the parish community through twinning with a parish in another country or being involved in programs of global service and charity.
- _____25. There is a tangible concern for the less fortunate in your parish, and that concern translates into action, such as (for example) defending and supporting fair and affordable housing in your neighborhood.
- _____26. Regular attendance at Sunday mass is increasing.

Staff Team Workshop on Evangelization



Resources for Returning Catholics

Parish Staff Workshop on Evangelization #1

Overview: This workshop designed for Parish Staff can be offered as a 3 hour mini-retreat, a day of reflection, or even a working lunch. The interactive style of the workshop gives the Pastor and staff time to respond to the ideas presented and begin the process of planning how to respond to the upcoming campaign. This is just an outline to build onto and to be adapted to meet your Diocesan needs.

Goals: To help Parish Staffs recognize the role each of their positions plays in evangelization and to encourage parish staffs to take steps towards making their parish a place of evangelization for their entire community especially those who are returning to their faith. "Thus it is the whole Church that receives the mission to evangelize, and the work of each individual member is important for the whole." -Evangelii Nuntiandi

Supplies: Bible, Catechism, and any catechetical pamphlets or handouts. Highly recommended to have [*"What the Church Teaches" Evangelization*](#) and other title available from OSV.

Session Format:

- I) Opening Prayer:
 - a. The opening prayer should include the participants. (Use an abbreviated Liturgy of the Hours, or another prayer form from the Catholic tradition can include the group)
 - b. The opening prayer when possible should be lead by someone else other than the session leader.
- II) Scripture Reading
 - a. Matthew 28:19-20
 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the name of the Son, and the name of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."
 - How does your staff reflect a community that seeks to form disciples? How does your position add to the mission of the Church to preach the Gospel, nourish believers with the Sacraments, and call them to keep the commandments and grow in holiness?
 - b. Mark 16:15
 "He said to them, 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature'"
 - How does your role in the parish proclaim the Gospel?
- III) Catechesis
 - a. Evangelization
 - i. Definition:
 1. "to evangelize is first of all to bear witness, in a simple and direct way, to God revealed by Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, to bear witness that in His Son God has loved the world - that in His



Incarnate Word He has given being to all things and has called men to eternal life." EV 26

2. What it means" Evangelization means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation.-USCCB *Go and Make Disciples*, p. 2).
3. To evangelize we must first be evangelized. We must seek conversion.
- ii. Testimony: Have someone share a time when they shared the faith in word or deed.
- iii. Conversion within each of us.
 1. How can I grow in holiness?
 2. How can my position and role in the Parish help others encounter Christ?
- iv. Conversion within the Church.
 1. How does your parish help people encounter Christ?
 2. What are some obstacles your community has in encountering Christ in the everyday?
- b. CCC
 - i. Para 905 "For lay people, "this evangelization . . . acquires a specific property and peculiar efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world."
 1. How can we help our community more readily share their faith?
- c. Church Documents
 - i. Rd Paragraph 21 of [Evangelii Nuntiandi](#), or have copies for the Staffs. Create some questions to help your parish inventory how they are doing.

IV) Small Faith Sharing (see attached pgs 20-21)

V) Discussion / Closing Prayer



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix
Department of Family Catechesis
www.diocesephoenix.org/fc



Resources for Returning Catholics



Parish Staff Workshop on Evangelization #2

Overview: This retreat encourages a renewed emphasis on the role of evangelization at every level of parish life. Specifically designed to help parish staffs under the leadership of their pastor dialog and develop strategies to prepare for the airing of Catholics Come Home™ commercials.

Goals: 1) To help parishes prepare for the Catholics Come Home™ commercials by examining the role of evangelization at every level of parish life.
2) To design concrete strategies for putting people in contact with Christ through each position/ministry at the parish.
3) To design strategies for identifying and receiving returning Catholics.

Key Scriptures: Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 15:7 & Hebrews 13:2, 1 Pet 3:15

Key Documents: - Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* para 15 & 41
- USCCB *Go and Make Disciples*, p. 2

Suggested Schedule:

8:30am - Opening Prayer & Introduction
9:00am - Talk #1: Evangelization: Helping others Encounter Christ
9:30am - Activity #1: *Core Values*
10:00am - Talk # 2: Evangelization: Heart of Parish Ministry
10:30am - Activity # 2: *Parish Life Activity*
11:00am - Break
11:15am - Large Group Sharing:
11:30am - Talk # 3: Profile of Fallen Away Catholics / Keeping the Good News Good
12:00pm - Intro to Campaign
12:30pm - Lunch/Activity # 3: *Responding to Needs*
1:30pm - Large Group Sharing
1:45pm - Talk # 4: Parish Strategies / Q&A
2:00pm - Dismissal / Parish Planning Activity for Staff Meeting



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix
Department of Family Catechesis
www.diocesephoenix.org/fc

Outline Summary

	Large Group	Small Group
Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Prayer - Icebreaker - Set environment conducive to staff sharing - Talk #1: Evangelization: Helping others Encounter Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matthew 28:20 - John 4:28 "The Women at the Well" - Definition of evangelization from "Go Make Disciples" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Core Value Activity <i>"What is the core value of a parish?"</i>
Proclamation	<p>The parish is 'the primary experience of the Church' for most Catholics. It is where the faithful gather for the celebration of the sacraments and the proclamation of the word of God, where they are enabled to live distinctively Christian lives of charity and service. The parish is the 'living and permanent environment for growth in faith.' The parish energizes the faithful to carry out Christ's mission. (adapted from NDC para 60)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parish Life Activity <i>"Where do people encounter Christ at my parish?"</i>
Explanation	<p>Talk # 2: Evangelization: Heart of Parish Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encounters with Jesus change who we are and compel us to share. From Scripture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John 4:28 – Shared with others what she had found. Luke 5:17 – Brought friend to Jesus despite inconvenience John 1:43 – Phillip brings the antagonist Nathanael who comes to believe. Matthew 9:27 – After being sternly warned they still tell others. John 21:15 – Peter returns to Christ and is restored for mission. 1 Thess 2:8 – Sharing Christ and our very selves. - Responses to encounters / Changed for a purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joy Sorrow for past wrongs Repentance Awe - Evangelization as Core value / Sharing Christ with others - Parish Life Activity Large Group Sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parish Life Activity <i>"How do I share my faith with others, at work, at home, at the parish?"</i>
Application	<p>Talk # 3: Profile of Fallen Away Catholics / Keeping the Good News Good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Phoenix Stat Sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responding to Needs Activity <i>"How do I respond to the various groups?"</i>
Celebration	<p>Talk # 4: Parish Strategies / Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intro to Campaign - What happened in Phoenix (Testimonies) - Parish Strategies Activity Sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parish Strategies Activity 1) Animating existing parishioners to share faith. 2) Welcome back those who have fallen away. 3) Offer formation opportunities to keep them connected.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” –Matthew 28:19



*Read the following quotes about evangelization & answer the questions on your own or in a group.
 Please be prepared to share your answers with others.*

1) “it is the whole Church that receives the mission to evangelize, and the work of each individual member is important for the whole. The Church is an evangelizer, but she begins by being evangelized herself. She is the community of believers, the community of hope lived and communicated, the community of brotherly love, and she needs to listen unceasingly to what she must believe, to her reasons for hoping, to the new commandment of love.” –Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* para 15

What does it mean to first be evangelized?

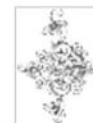
Where do you need to grow in your relationship with Christ so that you can better share Him with others?

2) Evangelization means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation.

–USCCB *Go and Make Disciples*, p. 2

What human situations do I encounter that I could bring the Good News of Jesus to?

Are there certain situations that would difficult to share Christ with others? What do we do in those cases?



3) "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." –Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* para 41.

What does it mean to be a witness? What responsibilities do I have to be a witness to Christ, as a parent, as a spouse, as an employee, as a citizen, as a parishioner?

4) "Always be willing to give a reason for your hope to anyone who asks" 1 Peter 3:15

*How would I respond to someone who asked the reason for my hope?
 Do I trust in God enough to live a hope-filled life?*

5) "You are the light of the world; a city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so your light must shine before others" Matt 5:15

*At baptism we received the light of Christ, and we have been called to share it with others.
 How do you see your baptism connected to this call to evangelize?*





Phone Skill Refresher

1. Attitude/Motivation

- a. What do you want people to think about you?
- b. How do you want them to view the parish?
- c. What part do you play in forming someone's perception of the parish?

2. Preparation

- a. Physical (deep breath, smile)
- b. Tools (good pen, phone message pad, etc.)
- c. Information (parish directory, diocesan directory, parish calendar, parish website information)

3. Greeting

- a. Tone of voice - friendly, inviting/welcoming, patient
- b. Clearly and slowly state the parish name
- c. Clearly and slowly state your name
- d. How may I help you?

4. Listen

- a. Focus on the call/caller
- b. Don't multi-task (i.e., work on computer while on the phone)

5. Facilitate a Solution - *Don't just take a message*

- a. Decide the next/best step to answering the caller's question or connecting them to the person who can best help them
- b. Take the caller's name and number
- c. Ask them to spell their name

6. If Transferring the Call

- a. Tell the caller you are transferring the call
- b. State the name and number of the person you are transferring them to

7. If the Person They Need To Speak With Is Not In

- a. State what action you will take (give the message to Ms. Jones, when they can expect a call back, etc.)

8. Ask them if they have any other questions

9. Closing the call - End on an upbeat, positive note

- a. Briefly repeat/reaffirm what you are going to do for them
- b. Thank them for calling
- c. Log the call on your Parish Call log and note any follow up needed

10. Pray for your parish's evangelization efforts

(Catholics Come Home Georgia)



Usher/ Greeter Program Suggestions

In an article titled “Mass Begins in the Parking Lot” the author Paul Bernier, states “It is the function of welcoming that gives ushers an opportunity to influence from the outset the quality of the Eucharistic celebration. And this is the most significant service they can possibly render” (Emmanuel Magazine May/ June 2007).

Parishioners and visitors might be greeted, by name if possible, with a warm handshake and smile by greeters, ushers and/or the pastor or associates. Greeters might wear name-tags and be men, women, seniors or youth. Young people of all ages might also be greeted as appropriate at their level with a handshake, a thumbs up, a “give me a five” or a closed fist.

Note: Many of the youth of your parish would likely make excellent greeters! And they would appreciate being asked to take on this important role.

Thoughts for successful programs:

- **Have one person as head of your Usher/Greeter program and designate one person to be responsible for each weekend Mass to foster good lines of communications.** Be sure to coordinate and ask your existing ushers and collectors to join in.
- **The head person at each Mass should assign greeters/ushers to cover specific entrances, two or three at an entrance, and should rotate assignments from week to week.** Experience show that those that sign up to be greeters shy away and loose interest absent specific assignments and encouragement.
- **Head Usher/Greeters might conduct periodic orientation and training sessions, especially in the beginning, so that all know what is expected of them.** For tips see pamphlet “Ministries of Hospitality Greeters & Ushers” by Karen Sue Smith from the National Pastoral Life Center (got to www.nplc.org and click on ‘pamphlets.’)
- **Head Usher/Greeters might foster on good communications and encouragement, especially in person, but also via email and by phone.** This will help each usher/greeter be certain of their assignments and role.

(Catholics Come Home Providence)

“Do not abandon yourself to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song” (John Paul II).



Usher/ Greeter Program Suggestions

There's three simple things your collectors can do to make your parish a more welcoming one:

Smile. Make Eye Contact. Say “Thank You.”

Help prepare collectors, or at least provide some system to make sure they use all three welcoming gestures when they interact with all parishioners (new and not-so-new).

Thoughts for successful programs:

- Place a laminated sign inside the basket so that the collector can see it. The sign reads simply: Smile! Make eye contact! Say “Thank you.”
- Remind them of the Smile/Make eye contact/Say Thank You gestures when collectors come for their baskets.
- Form a mini-ministry so that the same collectors are used frequently enough so that they can practice these welcoming gestures.
- And remember to say THANK YOU to the collectors for their service!

(Catholics Come Home Providence)



“I hope to have communion with the people, that is the most important thing.” (John Paul II)



Ushers, Hospitality Team & Greeters (Tips)

USHERS, HOSPITALITY TEAM AND GREETERS

People may have a hard time describing a "welcoming parish" in words, but they know it when they are in one. Welcoming parishes have Greeters who smile and hold the door open. Welcoming parishes have people who ask if you are new, and if you are, they shake your hand and introduce themselves. Welcoming parishes have Ushers who ask if you need help finding a pew. People in welcoming parishes might point out special seating to make it comfortable for someone with a disability. A welcoming parish treats everyone if they are special and an important person in this faith community. Most often, the first people that display this warm welcome are the Ushers and Greeters who come in contact with the people who walk into a church for the first time.

Greeters Come from the Community

Organize a meeting with the parish Ushers, Hospitality Team and Greeters. Offer information about the demographics of the parish: age, race, ethnicity. Discuss whether or not your parish should display a similar demographic among those who welcome the parishioners every week. Would it be helpful to have families be the greeters so that children of all ages would recognize someone of their own age in this ministry of hospitality?

Training Workshop

Provide training sessions for Usher/Hospitality Team/Greeters at different times of the day and week to reach 100% of the ministers of hospitality. Offer them a small handbook or manual with the best practices for Ushers/Hospitality Team/Greeters. Provide each one in this ministry with a parish directory so that they begin to connect names and faces of all the parishioners.

Networking for New People

As Ushers, Hospitality Team and Greeters introduce themselves to someone that they are not familiar with; they should also introduce the new people to another parishioner who is nearby. Find a way to make a connection between the two people: Do they have children the same age? Are they in the same neighborhood?

Open Doors

It may seem overly simple to say, but the most important part of this ministry is smiling and caring for the needs of the parishioners. In cold weather, choose one person to stand outside and hold the door open so people can hurry into the warmth. With an outside "station" someone is always attentive to job of welcoming people at the entrance.

Be a Role Model

The newcomers to your parish will be watching other people for behavioral clues of when and how to move in church. You become a role model as they look to you and follow your behaviors. Your prayerful gestures will set a tone for anyone who enters church (bow, genuflect, prayer posture). Your voice and communication skills tell people more than just the meaning of your words: speak quietly, use a friendly tone of voice, make eye-contact, and most of all, smile.

(Catholics Come Home Georgia)



3. Evangelization	Page 57
a. What is Evangelization?	Page 57
b. Yes, You can evangelize!	Page 58
c. Top Five Myths Catholics have about Evangelization!.....	Page 59
d. The New Evangelization	Page 62
e. Phases of Evangelization	Page 63
i. Witness and Prayer	Page 64
ii. Invitation and Welcome	Page 68
iii. Presenting the Gospel.....	Page 70
• Implicit Evangelization: The Actions	Page 70
• Explicit Evangelization: The Words	Page 71
iv. Accepting the Gospel/ Conversion.....	Page 72
v. Becoming part of the Church Community	Page 73
vi. Catechesis and Ongoing Formation	Page 77
vii. Discipleship, Service and Vocations	Page 79

What is Evangelization

According to the official teachings of the Church, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Evangelization is “the proclamation of Christ and His Gospel by word and the testimony of life, in fulfillment of Christ's command.”

The Catechism goes on to say that every person has a special mission to fulfill through evangelization. “For lay people, ‘this evangelization ... acquires a specific property and peculiar efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world” (LG 35 § 1, § 2).

Lay people have a very special witness to live out in the world through their words, actions, relationships, family, and work.





“This witness of life, however, is not the sole element in the apostolate; the true apostle is on the lookout for occasions of announcing Christ by word, either to unbelievers ... or to the faithful” (AA 6 § 3; cf. AG 15).

We are not alone though. We have the Church and the witness of those who have gone before us.

Walking in the footsteps of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles, Martyrs, Pastors, Doctors of the Church, Virgins, and Holy Men and Women, Christians are called and inspired to proclaim the Gospel (the Good News) of Jesus Christ for all men and women to hear, through the witness of their holy lives, by word and deed.

Accompanied by the intercessory prayers of this “Great Cloud of Witnesses,” Christians everywhere are invited to know, love and serve Jesus Christ on this pilgrimage of life, hoping to be with Him forever, and to be an instrument of salvation for others, to share in this blessed reality.

Yes, You can evangelize!

“It is the whole Church that receives the mission to evangelize, and the work of each individual member is important for the whole” (EN 15).

What is needed is a shift in the way Catholics think about and view evangelization.

The Church must help all the faithful to re-think their own participation in the life and mission of the Church: Evangelization is the “essential mission of the Church”

Each of us has been equipped by our Baptism to participate in this mission and give witness to the Faith.

“Faith is strengthened when it is given to others”
(Redemptoris Missio, 2)



Top Five Myths about Evangelization

That's a Protestant thing

Most Catholics today simply think that this is something other Christians do. The word “evangelization” for some of us might conjure up images of TV preachers or people going door-to-door. But in reality, Catholics are supposed to be the ones evangelizing in every aspect of daily life!

1

“All Christians by the example of their lives and the witness of their word, wherever they live, have an obligation to manifest the new man, which they have put on in Baptism and to reveal the power of the Holy Spirit by whom they were strengthened at Confirmation.” (Ad Gentes)

“The greatest publicity a parish will ever have is its own congregation. Nothing will communicate invitation, welcome and sharing more than an actual, living, breathing Catholic who has the ability to appropriately involve others in conversations about faith.” (Taken from The Evangelizing Catholic: A

Practical Handbook for Reaching Out, Frank P. DeSiano, C.S.P.)

Priests and nuns are supposed to do that.

(On the flip side, there are some priests and nuns who think that lay people are the ones who are supposed to be talking about the faith in their families, with friends, at work, and in the world.)

Every single Catholic, whatever his or her vocation, is supposed to be involved in the work of evangelization. The roles for the Priest, the religious brother and sister, and the lay faithful all compliment one another in such a beautiful design by God so that there is no area of life that would not be evangelizing and showing us the Good News. Every relationship we could possibly have in our lives is supposed be an expression and example of God's enduring Love for us.

Together, the praying, welcoming, evangelizing, forming, and serving parish community, working with the graces of the Sacraments, could be one of the most powerful messages and experiences of the God's own Love shown to us!

2



You need to have a degree to do that sort of thing.

Many Catholics feel they do not know enough about the faith to be able to explain it to others. Ongoing formation and education is a great way for all of us to deepen our practice and understanding of the faith.

However, this should not be an excuse for anyone to not evangelize. Each of us has been created by God to give witness.

Each of us has been equipped in and through our Baptism for this witness. Each of us can continue to be strengthened by growing in virtue and by receiving the Sacraments to give this witness better each day.

3

“The witness of a Christian life and good works done in a supernatural spirit has great power to draw men to the faith and to God” (Apostolicam Actuositatem).



“Evangelizing means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself.

We must evangelize because the Lord Jesus commanded us to do so. He gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power; to stir and to stimulate all its actions until all nations have heard his Good News and until every person has become his disciple.

We evangelize because people must be brought to the salvation, what Jesus the Lord offers in and through the Church. We evangelize so that the salvation of Christ Jesus, which transforms our human lives even now, will bring as many as possible to the promised life of unending happiness in heaven”
(Go and Make Disciples).

People should keep their faith to themselves.

Most of us have heard the old stereotype that we should not talk about faith or politics. These are private matters, not up for public discussion, not really to be talked about ever. We would not want to offend someone with different views by sharing what we believe.

In our society today we have been swayed to believe that these important areas of life should be kept separate and private. This has resulted in many of us not remembering the faith or how to share it. This has also left many people feeling alone and isolated.

We have been created by God to be in relationship with Him and one another. Some of us have tried to just live a “horizontal” faith where we are more concerned with helping people and not so much the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit. Others of us have tried to just live a “vertical” faith where we are more concerned

with personal faith and not so much helping our brothers and sisters. The two “beams of the Cross” are inseparable. We need to be carrying both. We need to be growing in our faith personally with Jesus and sharing our faith publicly with others at the same time. Right now, today, is a great time to look for the opportunity to do both.

4

Someone else will do it.

“There is no such thing as coincidence in God’s Providence.” – Pope John Paul II

If you come across any other souls today, then it was for a reason. Did you ignore them or smile at them? Drop eye contact or say “hi”?

In actuality, most people do not share their faith because they are uncomfortable sharing their faith. There are usually some legitimate obstacles in their way. You can get over or around almost any type of obstacle when someone shows you how. We usually need the help of God and another person or two.

“You are not the sum of your weaknesses, you are the sum of the Father’s love for you” (JPPII, WYD Toronto).

The reality is that most of us do not know our faith well and do not know how to share our faith well. Everyone we know is overwhelmed and too busy; priests, mothers, fathers, teens, me. We don’t pause to pray and reflect to understand the nature and mission of the Church and our need to participate. Someone else needs you, your witness, your faith, and God today.

You are not here by accident but by Our Father’s design. Try praying a bit more. Try greeting people a bit more. Try helping people a bit more. Try sharing God’s own Love with others a bit more. Try telling them about God’s Love a bit more. Try inviting them back to Church.

We all have an important mission to fulfill here on earth. Someday, we will all find out what is was and how we did.

5

“And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry; for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to the extent of full stature of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-13).





The New Evangelization

Yet for some, the Good News has become “stale,” the “vision has faded,” and the “promises seem empty or unconnected to their lives” (Wuerl, 4).

“What we call the New Evangelization is all about retelling the story, this time awakening a sense of meeting Jesus” (Wuerl, 4).

In our world
today there
are actually
three
situations
for
evangelization
that we might
find ourselves
in:

1. *Those who have never heard the Gospel.*
“Peoples, groups, and sociocultural contexts in which Christ and His Gospel are not known, or which lack Christian communities sufficiently mature to be able to incarnate the faith in their own environment and proclaim it to other groups” (RM, 33).
2. *Those who are in need of ongoing conversion and deepening of the faith.*
“...Christian communities with adequate and solid ecclesial structures. They are fervent in their faith and in Christian living. They bear witness to the Gospel in their surroundings and have a sense of commitment to the universal mission” (RM, 33).
3. *Those who have been baptized but whose faith has grown cold.*
“There is an intermediate situation, particularly in countries with ancient Christian roots, and occasionally in younger Churches as well, where entire groups of the baptized have lost a living sense of the faith, or even no longer consider themselves members of the Church, and live a life far removed from Christ and His Gospel. In this case what is needed is a ‘new evangelization’ or a ‘re-evangelization’” (RM, 33).

“There are numerous people, particularly in the Western world, who have already heard of Jesus. Our call is to stir up again and rekindle in the midst of their daily life and concrete situation, a new awareness and familiarity with Jesus. We are called not just to announce, but to adapt our approach so as to attract and to urge an entire generation to find again the uncomplicated, genuine and tangible treasure of friendship with Jesus” (Wuerl, 12).

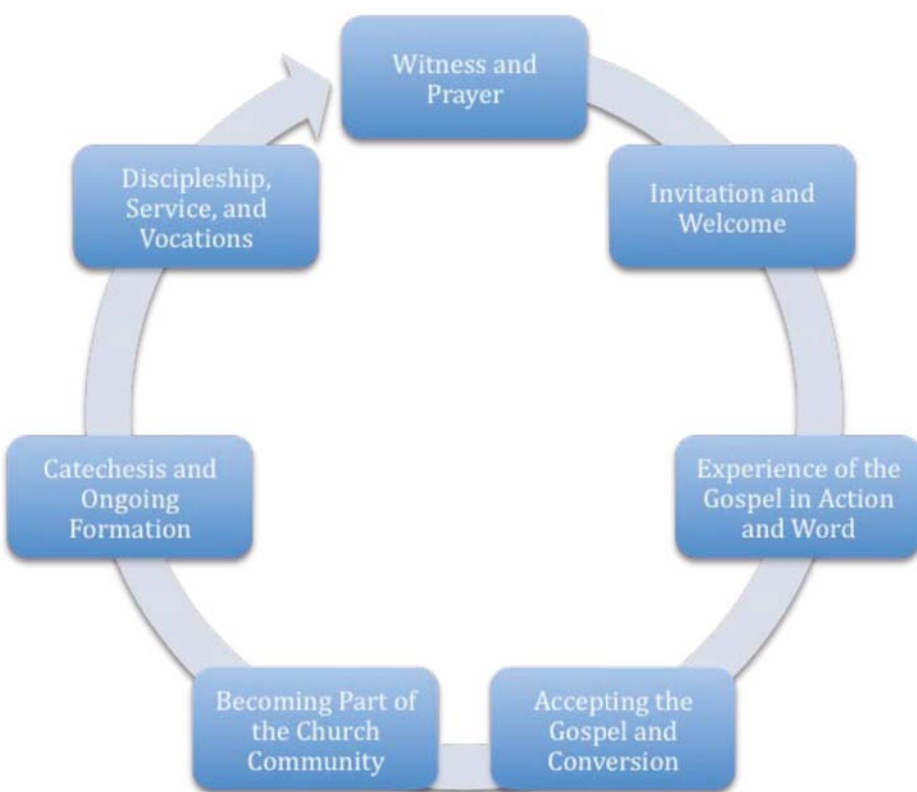
“Pope Benedict XVI used the word ‘re-propose’ to describe the New Evangelization. Somehow in what we do and how we express our faith, we have to be able to re-propose our belief in Christ and His Gospel for a hearing among those who are convinced that they already know the faith and it holds no interest for them. We have to invite them to hear it all over again, this time for the first time” (Wuerl, 4).



e. Phases of Evangelization	Page 63
i. Witness and Prayer	Page 64
• Authentic Witness	Page 65
• Personal Testimony	Page 65
• Life of Prayer	Page 66
ii. Invitation and Welcome	Page 68
iii. Presenting the Gospel	Page 70
• Implicit Evangelization: The Actions	Page 70
• Explicit Evangelization: The Words	Page 71
iv. Accepting the Gospel / Conversion.....	Page 72
v. Becoming part of the Church Community	Page 73
vi. Catechesis and Ongoing Formation	Page 77
vii. Discipleship, Service and Vocations	Page 79

Phases of Evangelization

When we take a step back and reflect on our own spiritual pilgrimage in this world, there appears to be, in a certain sense, a process of Evangelization.





When we take a step back and reflect on our own spiritual pilgrimage in this world, there appears to be, in a certain sense, a process of Evangelization.

Our Father exists on His own and out of an overflowing Love He reaches out to us before we are even aware of Him. Someone in our life, a parent or grandparent, teacher, coach or friend, provides us the witness of a believer. We are then invited and welcomed to explore where this joy and confident sense of goodness, beauty, unity or truth comes from. We see and hear something that really resonates with us as attainable and sensible “Good News” from the other conflicts, insecurities, doubt and chaos we find in our lives. We accept this in a way we have not before. We begin to look and contemplate who Jesus Christ, True Man and True God, might really be. We choose to begin to explore the Church, whom He calls His Bride, and ask our questions and explore who She is, what She does and why She does it even still today. We want to become an adopted sibling to Jesus and a desire grows within us to know even more. We also begin to want to live out our Baptism more fully as a disciple. We recognize a different desire and fruitfulness from when we receive the Sacraments more often. We experience real growth and progress. We want to help others with their natural and supernatural needs. We want to become who God wants us to be and do what He made us to do.

Then, just when we might be getting comfortable, God calls and invites us to begin the cycle again, not in a repetitive way, but in order to grow even more deeply in love with Him and in order to share the incredible way of life we have been given with others in an even greater way ...

Witness and Prayer

Authentic Witness. Personal Testimony. Life of Prayer

Witness and
Prayer

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you” - St. Augustine

If we want to understand how to evangelize, we must look to the experts who have gone before us and done the best job at it - the saints. How did Saints evangelize?

Saints know who they are.

Saints know and love God. Saints know “whose” they are.

Saints understand their vocation.

Saints are not afraid to become fully who they are.

“If you become who you are, you will set the world ablaze” (St. Catherine of Siena).

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7).

With those foundations in place, the saints, seeking to live for Christ in all that they do, find innumerable ways to bear witness to the love of Jesus.



Phases of Evangelization cont.

Witness & Prayer Cont.

Witness and
Prayer

Authentic Witness

“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers it is because he is a witness first” (Pope Paul VI).

We must first be willing to strive to live the Christian life to the fullest as Children of God for our heavenly Father, our own good and the good of others.

“And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the Good News not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervor, who have first received the joy of Christ, who are willing to risk their lives so that the kingdom may be proclaimed and the Church established in the midst of the world” (EN, 80).

Personal Testimony

“Always being willing to give a reason for your hope to anyone who asks” (1Peter 3:15).

Our faithful witness will lead, one day, to our giving testimony of the great things the Lord has done for us.

“...even the finest witness will prove ineffective in the long run if it is not explained, justified-what Peter called always having ‘your answer ready for people when they ask you the reason for the hope that you all have’...the Good News proclaimed by the witness of life sooner or later has to be proclaimed by the word of life” (EN, 22).

Daily living presents many challenges to our identity: “[the Church] she is the People of God immersed in the world, and often tempted by idols, and she always needs to hear the proclamation of the ‘mighty works of God’ which converted her to the Lord; she always needs to be called together afresh by Him and reunited” (EN, 15).



“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers it is because he is a witness first” (Pope Paul VI).



Life of Prayer

Pope Benedict notes that Don Didimo, a parish priest of Bassano del Grappa, wrote: “‘Jesus preached by day, by night he prayed.’ With these few words, he wished to say: Jesus had to acquire the disciples from God. The same is always true. We ourselves cannot gather men. We must acquire them by God for God. All methods are empty without the foundation of prayer. The word of the announcement must always be drenched in an intense life of prayer” (Address to Catechists and Religion Teachers, 2000).

Everything we do as Catholics begins with and relies upon prayer.

What are some ways that we can make sure that CCH is covered in prayer?

- Tap into the current prayer teams

Most parishes already have groups that are already praying. When was the last time they were all focused and asked to pray for the same intention? Ask them to pray for the New Evangelization and for Catholics to come home.

- Gather the CCH Boston Prayer Intention Cards

Gather these intentions and offer them at Mass. Explain to the community “who” we are praying for and ask them to join together to pray for Catholics everywhere to Come Home this Lent.

- Include some aspect of CCH in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Samples have been included in the parish procedural guide and on the website.

- Get Creative.

Use prayer trees, prayer request phone and email hotlines, utilize the families and youth to pray in gathered and non-gathered methods.





1. Really want to pray better.

The story is told that the porter who traveled with Ignatius of Loyola and his Jesuit brothers when the Society of Jesus was first formed admired how the men stopped frequently and prayed. Summoning his courage one day he approached Ignatius and asked if he, the porter, could learn to pray so fervently and pray with the men. Ignatius replied the very desire to pray was itself prayer.

2. Make prayer a habit.

Set aside time each day that won't easily be pre-empted by other things: get up a few minutes earlier in the morning, or take time before bed to devote to prayer. If you build it into your day, it's likely that you will be faithful to your promise. Tape a favorite prayer of Scripture verse to your bathroom mirror: brush your teeth, say your prayer.

Saint Paul tells us: Train yourself for devotion, for, while physical training is of limited value, devotion is valuable in every respect, since it holds a promise of life both for the present and for the future. (1 Timothy 4:7)

3. Use the time you have.

If you drive to work alone, use your morning commute for prayer. No radio! There are CDs of the Rosary available to assist your effort. If you take public transportation, download a scripture reflection or meditation. It's amazing how we can block out distractions when we focus on God!

4. Make a joyful noise!

Saint Augustine was right: those who sing pray twice. Do you have a favorite hymn? Don't wait to hear it at Mass on Sunday, make it part of your prayer. Think about the words as you sing. Sing what you believe; believe what you sing.

5. ACTS of prayer.

This simple acronym describes different kinds of prayer:

Adoration – we pray to give glory to God

Contrition – we pray to ask God's forgiveness

Thanksgiving: we thank God for the favors and blessings in our life

Supplication – we pray our intentions, asking God for help.

We're probably most familiar with contrition and supplication, but try making adoration and thanksgiving part of daily prayer: This day, God, I am struck by the awesomeness of your creation. This day, God, I thank you especially for _____.



Invitation and Welcome

Invitation and Welcome

All the ministries and moments of the daily life of the Parish and School need to be seen as a renewed “opportunity for evangelization”. Every chance to invite and then welcome someone must not pass us by.

Some main areas of “focus” could be:

The “Curb” - Before

Now is the perfect time to make a small investment in the outside of the Church property.

- Keep it clean and crisp.
- Plant flowers.
- Paint.
- Post attractive signage outside and inside the Church.
- Let the local press and your parishioners know about CCH and that everyone is welcome home.

The “Doorway” – During

Now is the perfect time to intentionally reflect and redesign how you would want someone to enter and leave your parish home.

- Use the CCH posters.
- Set up special displays and tables to welcome people.
- Have special Parish Evangelization Team “Welcomers” who smile and welcome everyone to Liturgies and Events.
- Use nametags with first names and actually have everyone meet and greet three new people before Mass.
- Have Prayer cards, Prayer Intention Cards, and In-pew cards
- Have neatly organized materials at the doors including upcoming opportunities.
- Thank everyone for coming and invite them to the next event at the same time.

The “Home” Follow-up – After

- Now is the perfect time to decide how you want to keep in touch with your parish family.
- Send a letter to every parishioner from the Priests and the Evangelization Team about CCH.
- Have a plan for following up with new comers including a special email, a phone call, and then a special written invitation.
- Give out gift bags and goodies.
- Look for opportunities to hold special events
 - Celebrations and Blessings for Feast Days, Seasonal events, Ethnic events, et cetera.
 - Outreach and highlighting of CYO, Scouting, WYD for the young in order to include their families.
 - Events to introduce those receiving Sacraments to the whole parish.
 - Coffee and Doughnut Sunday with welcome, introductions, and 5-minute teaching by a guest speaker.
 - Parish potluck meals.
 - Parish-wide service event.
 - Tour of the Church.
 - Parish Orientation and dinner.
 - Faith-sharing one time and ongoing events.



Returning Catholics and the Weight Watchers Model

Balancing the need for individual attention and desire for anonymity

Weight Watchers meetings work for so many people because as soon as you walk in the door, you know you will not be judged, you will be accepted no matter how well you are losing weight and you know everyone is there for the same reason. In this environment, people do not mind identifying themselves even though they would normally prefer anonymity. Weight Watchers knows how to balance a desire for anonymity with the need for individual attention. What lessons can today's parish can learn from Weight Watchers?

Larger parishes: Catholic parishes with more than a few hundred units are generally very well suited to providing the anonymity that most people desire. But, how well do we provide the individual attention that people also need? For better or worse, today's returning Catholics want to feel like they got something out of Mass and that there is something the parish can do for them before they will ever consider becoming a parish member and long before most of them will ever approach the pastoral staff to introduce themselves. Help the returnees to feel special, like honored guests, while not singling them out such that they feel embarrassed and that all eyes are focused on them.

Smaller parishes: What about smaller and/or rural parishes where "everybody knows everybody?" Although everyone may know where Jane attended second grade, who her first boyfriend was and that she twists her hair when she is nervous, it is unlikely that the broader community knows what in life gives Jane her greatest joy and what troubles her heart more than anything else in this world. Christian communities are about providing the space where we can be human with one another, where it is safe to let God and others touch that which matters most to us, both the joyful and the painful. Whereas larger parishes may need to figure out ways to provide individual attention while not overstepping the desire for anonymity, smaller parishes may need to do the opposite: help returnees feel like they are part of the group, part of the community that is gathered and not simply an individual who has not gone to Mass the past six years.

Every parish will ultimately need to decide for itself the best way to balance the need each of us has to be able to come to Mass and participate communally and relatively anonymously in the liturgy with the need to be touched by God and by other human beings, uniquely and individually.

(Catholics Come Home Green Bay)



Presenting the Gospel

Implicit Evangelization: The Actions

Experience of the
Gospel in Action
and Word

St. Francis is often credited with saying, “You may be the only Gospel someone might ever see.”

We must gain a “new impetus in Christian living, making it the force which inspires our journey of faith. Conscious of the Risen Lord’s presence among us, we ask ourselves today the same question put to Peter in Jerusalem immediately after his Pentecost speech: ‘what must we do?’ (Acts 2:37)” (Pope John Paul II, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 2).

“To be true disciples of the Lord, believers must bear witness to their faith, and ‘witnesses testify not only with words, but also with their lives’” (JPII, *Ecclesia in America*, 26).

Resource for Presenting the Gospel:

EXERCISE: MY PERSONAL "BELIEVE" INVENTORY



Mark down each statement with A (always); O (often); S (sometimes); R (rarely) or N (never.)

- ☐ I actively participate in the Sunday Eucharist on a regular basis.
- ☐ I try to share in the Eucharist more often than Sunday.
- ☐ I cultivate a daily practice of personal prayer and conversation with God.
- ☐ I actively celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a part of your spiritual life.
- ☐ I encourage family members to participate in celebrating the Sacramental Life of the Church, especially the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.
- ☐ I develop a deeper appreciation for the Sacred Scriptures by reading and reflecting upon them on a regular basis, especially the readings of the liturgical day.
- ☐ I participate in faith-sharing prayer and other spiritual formation events like retreats, parish missions, days of reflection, and the like.
- ☐ I join in a small faith-sharing group or small Christian community to share prayer, faith, and Scripture.
- ☐ I study and reflect upon the rich heritage and teachings of the Catholic Church as expressed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church or other such documents and share them with others.
- ☐ I have a daily, personal spiritual regimen; e.g., morning and evening prayers, prayer before meals, examination of conscience, Scripture reading, personal devotions, Mass, etc.

Visible Signs

- ☐ I actively and regularly participate in the celebration of the sacramental life of the Church, especially the Holy Eucharist.
- ☐ I am enthusiastic about being Catholic.
- ☐ I am alive with an informed faith, a vibrant hope for the coming of God's Reign, and a joyful love of God.

(Catholics Come Home Chicago)



Phases of Evangelization cont.

Presenting the Gospel cont.

Explicit Evangelization: The Words

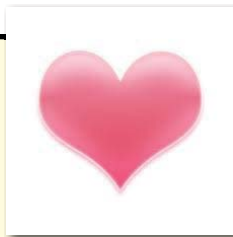
Experience of the
Gospel in Action
and Word

Proclaim Jesus

- You are loved with an everlasting love!!!!
- “Evangelization will also always contain – as the foundation, center, and at the same time, summit of its dynamism – a clear proclamation that, in Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man, who died and rose from the dead, salvation is offered to all men, as a gift of God’s grace and mercy” (EN, 26).

Each of us has been given the ability and strength to present both the overall story of the Good News and the specific reason for our hope with examples from our own lives.

Four Point Gospel:



God Loves You and created you to be in relationship with Him and one another. He gives us the freedom to Love Him.

We abuse that freedom and turn away from God and His Plan. This is Sin. Sin breaks the relationship we have with God and one another. We are stuck in Sin and Death.



Jesus Christ, fully Man and fully God, was born, lived, died, and rose again in order to conquer Sin and Death and show us the way to Eternal Life with God.

Do you want to Follow Him.



“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son and whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16



Accepting the Gospel and Conversion



Conversion

- “Proclamation of the Word of God has Christian conversion as its aim: a complete and sincere adherence to Christ and His Gospel through faith” (RM 46).
- Pope Benedict writes: “The Greek word for converting means to rethink-to question one’s own and common way of living; to allow God to enter into the criteria of one’s life; to not merely judge according to the current opinions. Thereby, to convert means: not to live as all the others live, not do what all do, not feel justified in dubious, ambiguous, evil actions just because others do the same; begin to see one’s life through the eyes of God; thereby looking for the good, even if uncomfortable; not aiming at the judgment of the majority, of men, but on the justice of God-in other words: to look for a new style of life, a new life” (Address to Catechists and Religion Teachers, 2000).

Six Signs someone is thinking about coming back to the Church...

1. Questions The most common sign is when someone begins to ask questions about God, good and evil, or the meaning of life. A lot of people in our society have lost that sense of meaning. They begin to ask, “What is my life about? Why do I do what I do? Is there any purpose in all of this?” As a parent, spouse, sibling or friend, your role is not to restore that meaning, but to help the person find meaning for him or herself. You can do that by active listening. Non-threatening comments such as, “It sounds like you’re really searching...” will encourage the person to talk in a more open manner. You don’t have to offer solutions or answers. Offer your opinion only when asked.

2. Memories Reminiscing about Catholic school, nuns, priests, or parish activities is another sign someone may be thinking about returning to the faith. Sometimes people will recall childhood devotions to Our Lady or the saints. Memories of music, incense, or some special liturgy will surface. Don’t be afraid to share your own memories. You might want to suggest revisiting a childhood parish together or seek out a priest or religious who had a profound impact on the person. If remembering takes a negative turn, you don’t have to be defensive. The person may be justified in his or her anger. Sometimes, talking about a bad experience can help put it in perspective. If possible encourage the person to separate anger toward a person from anger at the Church and the Sacraments. It wasn’t the Church that caused the pain. It was a person connected to the Church. If a person is open to praying with you, ask the Holy Spirit for healing of memories.

3. Reading Many fallen away Catholics read their way back to the Church. It’s a good idea to keep Catholic books, magazines, newspapers and even your parish bulletin in places where family members and friends can pick them up. If there’s something particular that you think might be of interest, recommend it to family members and friends. One woman sent books on Dorothy Day and Edith Stein to her sister who was struggling with how she perceived that the Church treats women.



Phases of Evangelization cont. *Accepting the Gospel and Conversion Cont.*

Accepting the
Gospel and
Conversion

Six Signs someone is thinking about coming back to the Church Cont.

4. Current Events Catholic news events can trigger interest in some people. Make sure you're up to date on Papal visits, Marian apparitions, Vatican announcements and local news about Catholic people and events. Even the recent scandal was a great opportunity to explain to people why you are still a Catholic! When discussing any aspect of Catholic news it's a good idea to emphasize the universality of the Church. Unlike other Christian denominations that tend to attract people with similar interests and backgrounds, the Catholic Church numbers one billion people with different cultural, intellectual, and socioeconomic backgrounds. As James Joyce said, the Catholic Church means, "Here comes everybody!"

5. Major Life Events Illness, death, divorce, the birth of a baby, a job loss or transfer, kids growing into their teenage years, moving to a new home are all life events that can trigger a desire to return to the Church. Sometimes people are afraid the Church will reject them if they have been gone for a long time. Some think they are excommunicated. You might find yourself in a position of helping someone get accurate information about where they stand with God and the Church.

6. God's Presence The real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is often a factor in bringing people back. Invite people to come with you for family funerals, weddings, baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Ash Wednesday, May crownings, and Mass on Christmas and Easter. It's hard for people to go to church by themselves. Be an inviter. If they don't want to go to Mass, invite them to parish social, cultural or educational events. Keep the lines of communication open. Radiate God's love to everyone you meet. Let the Holy Spirit work through you. Before long, you'll begin to see that people will be attracted to the Church because they want the faith, the love and the peace you possess.

(Catholics Come Home Joliet)

Becoming Part of the Church Community

Becoming Part of
the Church
Community

Community of the Church

- "Conversion and Baptism give entry into a Church already in existence or require the establishment of new communities which confess Jesus as Savior and Lord" (RM, 48).
- "This is part of God's plan, for it pleases Him 'to call human beings to share in His own life not merely as individuals, without any unifying bond between them, but rather to make them into a people in which His children, who had been widely scattered, might be gathered in unity'" (RM, 48).

Phases of Evangelization cont.

Becoming Part of the Church Community Cont.

Becoming Part of
the Church
Community

- St Patrick's Cathedral, New York, Saturday, 19 April 2008 (Pope Benedict XVI).
 - “The first has to do with the stained glass windows, which flood the interior with mystic light. From the outside, those windows are dark, heavy, even dreary. But once one enters the church, they suddenly come alive; reflecting the light passing through them, they reveal all their splendor. Many writers – here in America we can think of Nathaniel Hawthorne – have used the image of stained glass to illustrate the mystery of the Church herself. It is only from the inside, from the experience of faith and ecclesial life, that we see the Church as she truly is: flooded with grace, resplendent in beauty, adorned by the manifold gifts of the Spirit. It follows that we, who live the life of grace within the Church’s communion, are called to draw all people into this mystery of light.”



The commercials are likely to have 3 effects on the average, active Catholic:

- 1. Catholic pride and enthusiasm increases.** The commercials affirm Catholicism and all components of our faith. Seeing our faith depicted favorably in the popular media helps Catholics feel good about their faith, bolstering self-esteem and good will.
- 2. They feel more comfortable talking about Catholicism.** The commercials will be noticed by virtually everyone and they are likely to get people talking. Just like non-football fans still chat about unusual Super-bowl outcomes, so too will everyone be talking about the commercials. One caveat here: people will talk about the commercials, but not necessarily about their faith. We'll have to help our typical Catholic take that step.
- 3. They become more interested in learning about their faith, growing closer to God and to others.** Whereas returning Catholics do not immediately flock to adult faith formation opportunities, active parishioners do. Why? Active Catholics have been going to Mass every Sunday for years and years of their lives. However, the commercials often foster a new awareness in active Catholics that there is much more to know about their faith.

(Catholics Come Home Green Bay)



Phases of Evangelization cont. *Becoming Part of the Church Community Cont.*

Resources for Becoming Part of a Church Community:

Fostering Conversion: Building on Enthusiasm & Desire for Catechesis

Becoming Part of
the Church
Community

Have a favorite program? Always been wanting to try “X program” in your parish? Now is the time to schedule it! Just before the commercials air, during Lent, and summer will be a unique time for faith formation in the parish. Some of the topics of particular interest to Catholics in light of CCH:

- Understanding the Mass
- Scripture, Tradition and role of the Magisterium
- Role of Eucharist for Catholic Faith
- Role of Reconciliation for Catholic Faith
- Why Catholics Have Annulments
- Prayer in the Catholic Tradition
- How to Read and Understand the Bible

Recommendation for faith formation on these topics: Parishioners are likely to come to one stand-alone session as opposed to a multi-session “program.” Even if you offer sessions on multiple topics in light of CCH, we recommend you offer each session as a unique, one-time opportunity. Offering the same session on different dates and times also helps them know this is a topic in which they ought to try to participate.

Helping Catholics Share Their Faith: Evangelization 101

Catholics feel more comfortable sharing their faith after the following takes place:

First, they must find their own answers to these questions:

1. Why do I go to Mass?
2. Why am I Catholic?
3. What do I know about Jesus?

1

While every single Mass exposes Catholics to answers to these questions, they must be given the opportunity, space and encouragement to answer these questions for themselves. Until they can articulate this in their own words and based on their own life experiences and faith journey, the typical Catholic is unlikely to talk to anyone (not even family, friends or co-workers) about their faith.

Second, they must be assured that they do know enough about the faith to talk to others.

If asked, the typical Catholic will say they feel uncomfortable talking to others about their faith because they don't feel like they know enough about Catholicism. They don't feel “qualified” like the priests and staff who receive formal training.

To counter this misconception, Catholics need to be told in a variety of venues and with a variety of methods that the most important part of our faith to share with others is what they know extremely well – the Creed. The acronym G.A.S.P. can even teach them an easy way to talk about the basic story of our faith:

2

G

GOD

A

ACTUAL SIN

S

SAVIOR

P

PEOPLE OF PENTECOST

(Catholics Come Home Green Bay)



Helping Catholics Share Their Faith: Evangelization 101 Cont.

(Catholics feel more comfortable sharing their faith after the following takes place:)

G : God Everyone has some idea of God they can share. God who created everything. God who said I AM WHO AM.

A : Actual Sin Without focusing on various doctrines of sin, everyone knows and can share how they personally have done “stuff” that they wish they had not done and wishes they had done some things they did not do. We all have actual experience with our less-than-best-self, regardless of the language a person feels comfortable using to describe this.

S : Savior As we help people articulate what they know about Jesus, (see above) they become more comfortable speaking about this core part of our faith. Most people have a special affinity for 1-2 aspects of the Jesus event, whether that is the incarnation, Jesus’ life and ministry, his passion and death, or the resurrection. Help people identify what part of the Jesus event they really love, and they will be more comfortable talking about our Savior.

P : People of Pentecost The story does not end at the resurrection. We believe that God resides within and between us, that we all must journey together, as church, as community, as People of Pentecost, towards the end of time and life eternal. Once Catholics are reminded of “P” they can talk about this too.

Third, they must have opportunities to practice.

We don’t allow doctors to get their license until they get lots and lots and lots of practice in their specialty area. We don’t expect parents to know the best way to get their newborn to stop crying without lots of opportunities to learn from experience. Similarly, how can we expect Catholics to feel comfortable talking about their faith if we don’t give them chances to practice doing this?

How can Catholics practice talking about their faith? Assuming that that they have done steps one and two above, ask people to start with small and safe situations, practice these on multiple occasions until they feel comfortable and then build to “riskier” situations of approaching a friend, family or co-worker after the commercials air or being approached by someone who knows they are Catholic.

Safer situations include but are not limited to: coming to church and practice sharing What they Know about Jesus (for example) with someone else at church; sharing Why they Go to Mass for 10 minutes with their family at home before the next Sunday Mass; calling a friend on the phone and asking to practice sharing with them for 10 minutes about Why they are Catholic.

3

Any practice opportunity needs advance preparation on the part of parish staff or volunteers – you cannot simply ask people to go home and talk to family about the Catholic faith without giving them very concrete, user-friendly guidelines.



Catechesis and Ongoing Formation

Catechesis and
Ongoing
Formation

“Evangelization means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation”
(USCCB, p. 2).

Resources for Catechesis and Ongoing Formation:

Resources For Returning Catholics

For Catechetical Leaders & Parish Staffs

Each parish forms the point of entry for individuals and families to engage their faith, celebrate the sacraments, and be nourished as the people of God. Whether long-time, fallen-away, or new inquirers to the Catholic faith each parish serves as "the primary experience of the Church" (NDC, 60).

Five Key Themes

Five themes have been identified by priests and catechetical leaders in the Diocese of Phoenix as keys to helping Catholics return to the faith. Parishes are encouraged to provide resources for the five themes. Here are the themes and some suggested resources.

1. Sacrament of Confession

The Sacrament of Confession is “the form most expressive of reconciliation with God and with the Church” (CCC 1484) and is therefore the most appropriate to focus on when individuals are seeking to return back to their Catholic faith.

Recommended Pamphlets:

- Our Sunday Visitor "How to Make a Good Confession"
- St. Joseph Communications "How to Make a Good Confession"
- Audio CD's: Available from Lighthouse Catholic Media (Español)
 - "The Healing Power of Confession" by Scott Hahn
 - "Confession" by Fr. Larry Richards

2. Understanding the Mass

Mass is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (LG 11). Helping individuals understand and more fully participate in the rich beauty of the liturgical life of the Church is an ever-present task among all Catholics.

Recommended Pamphlets:

- Our Sunday Visitor "Getting More out of the Mass"
- St. Joseph Communications "Why Does the Catholic Church Teach That?"
- Audio CD's: Available from Lighthouse Catholic Media (Español)
 - "The Mass Explained" by Fr. Larry Richards
 - "Understanding the Eucharist" by Scott Hahn



Phases of Evangelization cont. *Catechesis and Ongoing Formation Cont.*

Catechesis and
Ongoing
Formation

3. Prayer

“Prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit” (CCC 2565). This living relationship is not with an abstract nor an idea, but rather a personal encounter with God Himself and is a necessary component of all Christian life.

Recommended Pamphlets:

- Our Sunday Visitor "How to Pray as Catholic"
- Audio CD's: Available from Lighthouse Catholic Media (Español)
 - "Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality" by Matthew Kelly

4. Marriage & Family Life

“The family is the original cell of social life” (CCC 2207). Therefore marriage is a central consideration when individuals approach the Sacrament of Confession and great care should be taken to help them understand the beliefs of the Church in regards to marriage and family life.

Recommended Pamphlets:

- USCCB "Married Love and the Gift of Life"
- Audio CD's: Available from Lighthouse Catholic Media (Español)
 - "The Gift of Human Sexuality" by Fr. Thomas Loya
 - "Marriage & Annulments" by Bishop Joseph Perry

5. Scripture & Tradition

“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ...hold fast to the traditions just as I have handed them on to you” (1 Corinthians 11:1-2). Sacred Scripture and Tradition make up the deposit of faith (DV 10) and individuals should be introduced to the beauty and power of God's word and the richness of sacred tradition.

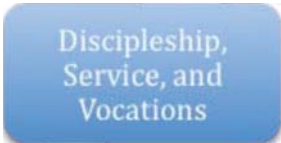
Recommended Pamphlets:

- Our Sunday Visitor "Top Ten Questions Catholics Are Asked"
- St. Joseph Communication "Why Does the Church Teach That"
- Audio CD's: Available from Lighthouse Catholic Media (Español)
 - "Finding the Fullness of Truth" by Steven Ray



Phases of Evangelization cont. *Discipleship, Service and Vocation cont.*

Discipleship, Service, and Vocations



Disciples in Mission

"The Mass is Ended, Go in Peace." Through faith and Baptism we are immersed into the inner life of Trinity and the communion of the Church. Each Sunday at Holy Mass the Lord offers a gift of Himself in the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, and as we receive this gift we experience Holy Communion. At the end of Mass, the Christian disciple is commissioned by the Lord through the Church to offer their lives at the service of this communion.

Following the example of Jesus, the Christian is called to offer his or her life back to God for the salvation of others. It is in the offering of our lives that we become truly free and capable of bearing much fruit for the Lord: *"Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit"* (John 12:24).

The primary way by which the Lord calls us to service is through our Vocation (Marriage, Consecrated Life, Priesthood), in which our lives are directed to service, building up and ultimately, salvation of others (CCC 1534).

Through Baptism and our primary Vocation, all Christians are called to be at the service of the Lord and His Kingdom. For the laity especially, it is a call to seek the Kingdom of God by engaging in the temporal affairs of our day and to order them to according to God's plan (Lumen Gentium, 31).

Our faith in the Lord Jesus must express itself through a life of Christian charity: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34). The Lord emphatically teaches us that we must care for the poor, the sick, the lost and forsaken, the most vulnerable in our society. He identifies Himself with them: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25: 40).

The Church, working through her various members, seeks to promote, protect and ensure the dignity of every human person, and the rights that flow from it (CCC 1943 & 1945).

Through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, the Church has articulated for us some of the primary ways we are called to be at the service of the dignity of the human person:

Corporal Works of Mercy:

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Comfort the imprisoned.
6. Visit the sick.
7. Bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy:

1. Instruct the ignorant.
2. Counsel the doubtful.
3. Admonish sinners.
4. Bear wrongs with patience.
5. Forgive offenses willingly.
6. Comfort the afflicted.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.





Phases of Evangelization cont. *Discipleship, Service and Vocation cont.*

Resources for Discipleship, Service, and Vocation:

Discipleship,
Service, and
Vocations

There are many local opportunities your parish community can find right in your own parish neighborhood and town.

Cor Unum:



Cor Unum Meal Center:

<http://www.corunummealcenter.org/index.html>

If you are looking for another opportunity outside of your town to experience and bring back to your parish, a great example would be the great work of Cor Unum.

Our Mission: Offering the Best to Those in Greatest Need

At Cor Unum, we eliminate hunger every day. We welcome and serve all who are in need with the utmost dignity, love, and respect – with open hands, listening ears, and loving

Volunteer Opportunities:

<http://www.corunummealcenter.org/opportunities.html>

Labels are for Jars:

Labels Are For Jars is a dynamic and exciting undertaking that is helping to remove the “hungry” label in two ways – by undermining societal labeling and by feeding hungry people.

Labels Are For Jars has raised over \$900,000 to build and operate the Cor Unum Meal Center.

- **Raises money** to operate the Cor Unum Meal Center, which feeds hungry people living in Lawrence, MA, one of the poorest cities in the United States.
- Our goal is to raise as much money as possible to feed as many hungry people as possible.
- We have designed a **thought-provoking black t-shirt**, which in addition to looking great, helps to undermine societal labeling. The shirt is adorned with a commonly used negative label on the chest. All shirts have our “Labels Are For Jars” logo across the back.
- The way that many people have learned about Labels Are For Jars has been through the creative work of our street teams.
- **Street Teams:** Groups of all shapes and sizes have banded together to take the Labels Are For Jars message to the streets of their communities. Families, individuals, church groups and student organizations have taken action to raise money to feed the hungry through Labels street teams.

/ LABELS ARE FOR JARS™

Labels Are For Jars

<http://www.labelsareforjars.org/>



4. Programs & Resources

- a. Archdiocesan Support
- b. Other
 - i. Arise Training Videos
 - ii. Catholics Returning Home
 - iii. Continuing the Journey
 - iv. The Come Home Program
 - v. Theological Institute for the New Evangelization
 - vi. Alpha for Catholics

Archdiocesan Support

The Archdiocese of Boston is blessed to have such a strong Archdiocesan support for parish ministry. Here are some of the places to find support, training and resources for your parish for all the phases of Evangelization.





RCAB Office: Outreach and Cultural Diversity

The Cultural Diversity Ministry represents all Catholic ethnic/cultural communities in the Archdiocese. This ministry is a resource for parishes, Archdiocesan agencies and the cultural communities themselves for education and communication, fostering integration of the various cultures and faith expressions into the Church of Boston. The Office of Black Catholics, the Office of the Deaf Apostolate and ministry to Persons with Disabilities are all a part of our mission. Some of the ways that this office fulfills its mission is through the Council of Ethnic Leaders, the Bishop Healy Award Dinner, and Kujenga-Viongozi Leadership Retreat.

Website: www.catholicdiversity.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Fr. Michael Harrington	617-746-5939	Mharrington@rcab.org

RCAB Office: Charismatic Renewal Services

Support: Put CCH videos and materials on our website.

Promote: Offer materials and information at CRS meetings and gatherings.

Participate: Recruit CRS leaders to become active in the work of CCH as part of our evangelistic outreach.

Website: www.crsboston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Vin Cerasuolo	781-632-1919	staff@crsboston.org

RCAB Office: Propagation of the Faith

Office of the Propagation of the Faith

The Office of the Propagation of the Faith offers workshops for large or small groups on the work of foreign missionaries who live and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ every day in foreign lands often under very dangerous and difficult conditions.

Website: www.propfaithboston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Maureen Heil	617-779-3871	info@propfaithboston.org



RCAB Office: Marriage & NFP Ministries

Natural Family Planning (NFP) –Effective, Natural and Moral

Couples use modern NFP not only for its effectiveness but also for its marriage building qualities. It is never too late to learn and practice Natural Family Planning.

Website: www.BostonCatholic.org/NFP.aspx

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Mary Finnigan	617-746-5803	Mary_Finnigan@rcab.org

Transformed in Love: Building Your Catholic Marriage (Marriage Preparation Program)

This NEW marriage preparation program seeks to help engaged couples: 1) strengthen their relationship with the Church and the practice of their faith; 2) develop a better understanding of marriage as a natural institution and as a sacrament and the vows they will make; 3) acquire the skills necessary to help them have successful marriages; and 4) benefit from the witness of team members (both clergy and lay).

Website: www.BostonCatholic.org/MarriageMinistries



Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kari Colella	617-746-5801	Kari_Colella@rcab.org

Transformed in Love: Understanding Catholic Marriage

This program will adapt the above marriage preparation program for those living together or married outside of the Church and considering marriage in the Catholic Church. All of the above will be covered as well as information regarding what couples may need to do to get married in the Catholic Church. Offered in collaboration with the Tribunal Staff.

Website: www.BostonCatholic.org/MarriageMinistries

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kari Colella	617-746-5801	Kari_Colella@rcab.org





Archdiocese of Boston Support cont.

RCAB Office: Marriage & NFP Ministries Cont.

Retrouvaille

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you.

Diocesan Website: www.BostonCatholic.org/MarriageMinistries

Organization Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kari Colella	617-746-5801	Kari_Colella@rcab.org
Organization Contact	1-800-470-2230	

Marriage Encounter

Discover God's desire for your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other.

Diocesan Website: www.BostonCatholic.org/MarriageMinistries

Organization Website: www.wwmeMA.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kari Colella	617-746-5801	Kari_Colella@rcab.org
Organization Contact	1-800-710-WWME	

USCCB Website on Marriage

What have you done for your marriage today? Looking for some good tips on nurturing your marriage today? Visit the U.S. Bishops new marriage website!

Website: www.ForYourMarriage.org and www.PorTuMatrimonio.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kari Colella	617-746-5801	Kari_Colella@rcab.org



RCAB Office: Pro Life Office

Project Rachel “Come to the Waters of Healing” Retreat

This one-day retreat is designed to help women experience the healing love and mercy of Christ following abortion. It is held at a confidential location several times a year and includes sacramental Reconciliation.

Website: www.projectrachelboston.com

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Marianne Luthin	508-651-3100	help@projectrachelboston.com

Pregnancy Help

Pregnancy Help is the Archdiocesan crisis pregnancy center staffed by trained nurses and caseworkers to assist women in making life-affirming choices. Services are available in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Website: www.pregnancyhelpboston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Mary Girard, RN	888-771-3914	help@pregnancyhelpboston.org

Women Affirming Life

Women Affirming Life offers twice-yearly Mass and Breakfast Forums on issues of interest to Catholic women and men. A Lenten Day of Recollection is also offered.

Website: <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/Pro-LifeOffice.aspx>

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Marianne Luthin	508-651-1900	ProLifeOffice@rcab.org

RCAB Office: Respect Life Education

“Created for Love” Catechist Trainings

“Created for Love” is a four-hour curriculum on life, love and relationships designed for middle school students and their parents. Training for catechists is available in spring and fall with on-line resources available.

Website: www.respectlifeeducation.com

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kathleen Singleton	617-746-5864	RespectLifeEd@rcab.org



Archdiocese of Boston Support cont.

RCAB Office: Respect Life Education Cont.

“Theology of the Body for Teens” Training

“Theology of the Body for Teens” is a comprehensive high school curriculum developed by Ascension Press to teach young people about John Paul II’s “theology of the body. Teacher training is offered in spring & fall.

Website: www.respectlifeeducation.com

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kathleen Singleton	617-746-5864	RespectLifeEd@rcab.org

RCAB Office: Religious Education

Annual Catechetical Congress

Day-long conference with workshops on liturgy, sacraments, methods, and spirituality. Keynote and workshops in Spanish and English. Taking place in the spring, 2012.

Website: www.rc.net/boston/religiouseducation

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Susan Abbott	617-746-5854	Susan_Abbott@rcab.org

Adult Faith Formation

University of Dayton online, non-credit, five-week courses in theology. Over 60 courses available to anyone in the Archdiocese of Boston for a reduced fee of \$40.00. Courses can be part of parish adult formation program and restricted to registrants from the parish or cluster parishes.

Website: <http://campus.udayton.edu/~vlc/>

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Susan Abbott	617-746-5854	Susan_Abbott@rcab.org



Archdiocese of Boston Support cont.

RCAB Office: Religious Education Cont.

Adult Faith Formation - Spanish

Mini courses in basic and intermediate catechist certification.

Website: www.rc.net/boston/religiouseducation

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Pilar Latorre	617-746-5862	Pilar.Latorre@rcab.org

RCAB Office: New Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults (ONE)

CYO Sports

Basketball and golf for all ages and all levels of play.

Website: www.One4Boston.org



Contact Name	Phone	Email
Peter Williams	617-746-5813	pwilliams@rcab.org

Annual Awards Banquet

The Annual Awards Banquet is an event that recognizes the outstanding service of youth, young adults and those who serve them in parishes, schools and the community.

Website: www.One4Boston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Gail Mattulina	617-746-5805	gmattulina@rcab.org

Boy Scout and Girl Scout

The Boy Scout and Girl Scout Religious emblem and medal programs provide Catholic scouts an opportunity to grow in their faith.

Website: www.One4Boston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kathy Stebbins	617-746-5811	kstebbins@rcab.org



Archdiocese of Boston Support cont.

RCAB Office: ONE Cont.

Boston Symposium on Adolescent Catechesis



The Boston Symposium on Adolescent Catechesis brings the best practices to all those in parishes and schools working with youth.

Website: www.One4Boston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kathy Stebbins	617-746-5811	kstebbins@rcab.org

Witness to Hope and Witness to Truth

Witness to Hope and Witness to Truth are leadership programs for middle school teens and high school teens respectively, where they will grow deeper in their faith and develop leadership skills.

Website: www.One4Boston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Danielle Olsen	617-746-5750	dolsen@rcab.org

Basic Skills in Youth Ministry

Basic Skills in Youth Ministry provides training for catechists, youth ministry teams, coaches and all who minister to and serve youth in parishes and schools.

Website: www.One4Boston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kathy Stebbins	617-746-5811	kstebbins@rcab.org

Youth Minister Monthly Gatherings

Youth Minister Monthly Gatherings provide an opportunity to grow professionally and spiritually with time for fellowship and sharing.

Website: www.One4Boston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kathy Stebbins	617-746-5811	kstebbins@rcab.org



Archdiocese of Boston Support cont.

RCAB Office: ONE Cont.

Pilgrimages for Life



Pilgrimages for Life locally in Boston and nationally in Washington, DC give young people an opportunity to bear witness to their faith using the church teachings and the pro life message.

Website: www.One4Boston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kathy Stebbins	617-746-5811	kstebbins@rcab.org

World Youth Day Pilgrimage

The World Youth Day Pilgrimage is an opportunity for young people to come together from all over the world and meet with the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

Website: www.One4Boston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Kathy Stebbins	617-746-5811	kstebbins@rcab.org

Jesus in the North End

Jesus in the North End is a Young Adult monthly gathering with Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass. Also provided is an opportunity for fellowship.

Website: www.One4Boston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Danielle Olsen	617-746-5750	youngadults@rcab.org

Eucharistic Congress

The Eucharistic Congress in the North End of Boston is where young adults come together for talks, food, music, Mass and a Eucharistic procession all through the streets of Boston.

Website: www.One4Boston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Danielle Olsen	617-746-5750	youngadults@rcab.org



RCAB Office: Worship and Spiritual Life

ARISE Together in Christ – WHY CATHOLIC?

WHY CATHOLIC? Small community faith-sharing for returning Catholics based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Training sessions will occur in the fall months.

Website: <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/ARISE.aspx?pid=464>



Contact Name	Phone	Email
Office of Worship and Spiritual Life	617-779-3640	spiritual_development@rcab.org

ARISE Together in Christ – Lenten Longings

ARISE faith-sharing groups continue through Lenten Longings, which presents themes drawn from the year's Lenten readings in six sessions. It encourages participants to embrace the teaching of Christ that authentic loving involves self-surrender.

Website: <http://www.renewintl.org/rcab>

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Office of Worship and Spiritual Life	617-779-3640	spiritual_development@rcab.org

Cursillo

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. The Cursillo method aims to transform, in a Christian way, the environments where people live and work through the involvement of “new men and women” who have become such from their encounter with Christ. The course is offered from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. Upcoming dates for 2011 include: 3/3-3/6, 4/28-5/1, 10/20-10/23, 12/1-12/4.

Website: <http://www.bostoncursillo.org/>

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Office of Worship and Spiritual Life	617-779-3640	spiritual_development@rcab.org



Archdiocese of Boston Support cont.

RCAB Office: Worship and Spiritual Life Cont.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

An 8 week guided prayer experience designed for small groups of Catholics. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, it is intended to bring people to a new level of Christian discipleship and mission by means of prayer, reflection, and faith sharing.

Website: <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=12438&pid=464>

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Office of Worship and Spiritual Life	617-779-3640	spiritual_development@rcab.org

Individual Spiritual Direction

Members of the office staff (priests, religious, and lay people) are available for individual spiritual direction upon request.

Website: <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=12438&pid=464>

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Office of Worship and Spiritual Life	617-779-3640	spiritual_development@rcab.org

RCAB Office: Vocation

The Vocation Office seeks to advocate for, inspire and support priestly vocations through its services to the parishes, schools, colleges, priests, seminarians, and young people of the Archdiocese of Boston. Some of the ways the vocation office carries out its mission: Discernment Retreats; Altar Server appreciation Masses; Evenings of fraternity w card Sean, brother priests and seminarians; Seminarian retreats; and St. Andrew Dinners.

Contacts: Fr Dan Hennessey, Vocations Director | Fr Michael Harrington, Assistant Vocations Director | Fr Alonso Macias, Assistant Vocation Director (Hispanic).

Website: www.VocationsBoston.org

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Denise Fortin	617-746-5949	DFortin@rcab.org



Other Programs

ARISE Training Videos

<http://www.renewintl.org/Renew/Home.nsf/vLaunch/Home?OpenDocument&MainLink=/Renew/Home.nsf/vPages/ARISEVideos?OpenDocument>



Catholics Returning Home

<http://www.catholicsreturninghome.org/index.htm>

Catholics Returning Home (CRH) is a parish based program designed to reach-out and invite non-practicing/inactive Catholics to return “Home to the Catholic Church” and resume active practice of their faith. The program has three major outreaches per year: before Christmas with sessions starting in January, during Lent with sessions starting after Easter and in the late summer with sessions starting in September.

Continuing the Journey

Continuing the Journey is a six week Lenten/Advent spiritual renewal series for returning Catholics and all others seeking spiritual enrichment. Minimal resources are necessary. The program works best in a team-environment with staff and/or volunteers.

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Sally Mews	847-855-0629	ssmews@msn.com

The Come Home Program

Franciscan Friars of St. Anthony Shrine
100 Arch St. Boston, MA

Website: <http://stanthonyshrine.org/comehome.asp>



Contact Name	Phone	Email
Fr. Flavian Walsh	617-542-6440	comehome@stanthonyshrine.org



The Theological Institute for the New Evangelization (TINE)

TINE is the institute embracing Saint John's Seminary's programs for laity, deacons, and professed religious. It provides whole-person theological formation, especially for the broad spectrum of lay vocations communicating the love of Christ to the world.

Website: <http://www.sjs.edu/TINE/HomePage.html>

Master of Arts in Ministry Program (MAM)

St. John's Seminary offers the Master of Arts in Ministry Program with the purpose of assisting the local Church in the formation of the laity "for the mission of the Christian people in the Church and in the world" (*Lumen gentium*, 31). The program encompasses the four aspects of lay formation as articulated by Pope John Paul II in *Christifideles laici*: academic, human, spiritual, and apostolic.

Website: <http://www.sjs.edu/TINE/mam.html>

Master of Theological Studies for the New Evangelization (MTS)

The MTS for the New Evangelization degree will begin in the fall of 2011. It is a newly designed academic degree to equip laypersons and others to fulfill the call of Vatican II: to bring the beauty of the Gospel to the fields of work, culture, and family.

Website: <http://www.sjs.edu/TINE/mts.html>

Basic Certificates: Catechetical Certificate and Catholicism Certificate

The Catechetical Certificate provides whole-person formation for catechists working in the parish and the home, while the Catholicism Certificate is for those who wish to deepen their understanding of the faith. Both programs meet once a month for eight months.

Advanced Certificate: New Evangelization Certificate

This Certificate is for those who have completed a Basic Certificate. It will provide you with the knowledge you need to do apologetics in the new millennium.

Website: <http://www.sjs.edu/TINE/cc.html>

Contact Name	Phone	Email
Dr. Angela Franks	617-779-4104	angela.franks@sjs.edu



Introduction to Alpha for Catholics

Alpha is a Tool for Catholic Renewal and the new evangelization



Summary of Alpha in a Catholic Context: Alpha is running in the Catholic Church in 60+ countries and was offered at World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany in 2005 and in Sydney, Australia in 2008. Overall Alpha has impacted 15,000,000 worldwide in 150+ countries and 74 languages. In the US 8000+ courses have been offered to 2,000,000 participants, and 75+ Catholic parishes have run Alpha in NE (30 in NH). A 2007 study of recent NE converts found that 28% came to faith through Alpha. Alpha is a 10 week Christian course which introduces non-Christians and Christians to the essentials of Christianity in a non-threatening way. *“The Alpha Course in A Catholic Context”* introductory guide is available to answer all the basic questions about Alpha in a Catholic context and the impact it is having around the world.

Cardinal O'Malley, Archdiocese of Boston

Many of our Catholic parishioners have benefited from the Alpha program by way of its building on their initial interest in the Church, as a pre-catechumenate experience, or for others, a renewal of their desire to more deeply understand and live their Catholic faith. Life-long faith formation is a priority for our religious education programs and I am grateful for the efforts of those who seek to assist with this important work. Should pastors of our parishes wish to utilize the Alpha program as part of their religious education curriculum they can do so with my approval.

Pope John Paul II, Mission of the Redeemer, 1990

I sense the moment has come to commit all of the Church's energies to a new evangelization and mission to all nations. No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples.

Reasons to Utilize Alpha:

1. ALPHA provides an opportunity to establish and/or enhance a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. ALPHA is endorsed internationally by bishops and cardinals, and it is running in Catholic churches in over forty countries.
3. ALPHA attendees routinely come to full sacramental participation in the Catholic Church.
4. Most ALPHA participants become active in bible study, prayer groups, church ministries and/or community outreach.
5. ALPHA provides an important point of entry back into the Church for lapsed Catholics.
6. ALPHA is lay-led, affordable, non-threatening, easy to present and training is available.
7. ALPHA works best with the blessing of the pastor.
8. ALPHA powerfully builds parish community, fostering the new evangelization.
9. ALPHA can revitalize a parish.
10. ALPHA has a regional team of Catholic advisors that can help local parishes.

For Training and Information Call: 781 246-3943

Website: www.christlife.org/sharefaith/Alpha.html



You're Invited!

The sisters and staff of Pauline Books & Media invite you to visit us for a soul-refreshing encounter that will fill your spirit with truth, light, comfort and wholeness.

Come and browse through our selection of Bibles, spiritual reading, biographies, music, and movies for all ages. Stop by our prayer chapel for some personal time with the Lord and have a cup of complimentary coffee in our coffee corner.

Blessings to you from all the sisters and staff at Pauline Books & Media



885 Providence Hwy
Rte 1 South, Dedham
781-326-5385

Mon-Fri: 10:00-5:30
Sat: 10:00-5:00

dedham@paulinemedia.com
www.pauline.org



Bring this ad with you for a 10% discount, and enjoy the experience of being in a place that offers sanctuary, light, and assurance that God does walk with His people.

We're located on Route 1/Providence Hwy, across from Legacy Place.

Ample parking available.





Archdiocese of Boston Catholics Come Home Parish Guide Acknowledgements

The Archdiocese of Boston is grateful to the Mr. Tom Peterson, founder and president of Catholics Come Home, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, and his staff for their inspiration, assistance and support throughout the Catholics Come Home initiative in Boston.

We are grateful to the (arch)dioceses around the country who have already done Catholics Come Home and who have generously shared their resources, experiences and expertise with us, especially the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Dioceses of Providence, Phoenix, Corpus Christi, Sacramento and Green Bay.

We are particularly grateful to the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, and to Fernando Botelho, with whose kind permission we adapted the Image of Jesus used on the prayer card “Return to Me with All Your Heart.” Special thanks are extended to:

Mr. Scot Landry, and the Secretariat for Catholic Media, for their work in support of Evangelization Sunday, the development of the www.catholicscomehomeboston.org website, and design and printing of parish resources.

The Office for New Evangelization, for the design and content of the Catholics Come Home Parish Guide.

Mr. Terence Donilon, Secretary for Communications and Public Affairs, for assistance and support throughout the campaign.

Mrs. MaryAnn McLoughlin, and the Office for Worship and Spiritual Life, for their support of the Catholics Come Home regional workshops.

In memoriam

It is with profound sadness that we remember Mr. David Thorp,

Archdiocesan Director of Catholics Come Home,

whose work we humbly continue in the execution of this campaign.