



EVANGELIZE ALL MINISTRIES

Converting Hearts to Christ



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THE QUESTION

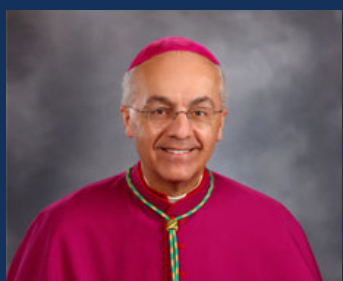
How can we bring Catholics back?

While the overwhelming majority of our children are receiving First Communion and Confirmation, 15% of their parents are attending weekly Mass! We must find ways to reach out to these “fallen-away” and “marginally” Catholic adults and lead them back to the fullness of faith (while also seeking to feed all of our adults).

The problem is not generally a lack of catechesis. Most of these individuals were well instructed in the faith in their youth and there is a treasure of adult faith formation

materials available. But, these adults need to come to know and love Christ. First we must help change their hearts. Then, their thoughts and actions will follow.

Unfortunately, many people have received systematic catechesis, without experiencing any personal attachment or commitment to Jesus. (John Paul II, *Catechesi Tredendae*, 19)



“Since our Faith is our life, we must re-present the truths of our Faith to adults so that, in true joy, they are drawn closer to God, our Divine Friend, for their eternal good and that of their children.”
- Bishop David D. Kagan

OUR ANSWER

Don't reinvent the wheel... add an engine!

Our Catholic educators, youth ministers and parent catechists are doing a great job of introducing our children to the faith and the sacraments. But, for their work to take root, the children to whom they minister must receive greater support from their parents. And, as our bishops have pointed out, these catechetical and sacramental programs for children are the perfect vehicles for converting the parents – by integrating evangelization and formation of parents into Sacramental preparation programs. Such an integrated program must, however, be effective, economical and easy to implement. This is exactly what Evangelize All Ministries provides – not forced catechesis for the parents, but effective evangelization that leads to conversion.

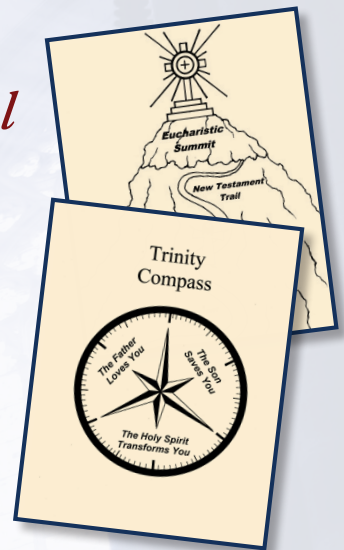
“As the God Is! Day of Renewal unfolded, I witnessed participants recommit themselves to a relationship with our Lord and embrace the sacraments with renewed fervor. I highly recommend it to pastors and catechetical leaders desiring to provide an opportunity for adults to embrace God's love for them.” - Karen McQuillan, Director of Religious Education.

The God Is! Process

STEP 1 - EVANGELIZE

Through a powerful, life-changing single day of renewal

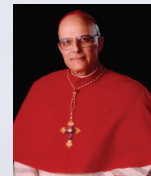
Add the *God Is!* Day of Renewal to your parish Sacramental preparation curriculum with the expectation that at least one parent will attend. And, invite other interested adults to attend as well. Presented by parish volunteers on a Saturday, *God Is!* lovingly and effectively re-proposes the faith. It both explains and promotes the importance of Mass and the other Sacraments. It makes the Church "relevant" and promotes community. Through talks, personal witness, small group discussion, Sacramental renewal, and Mass, *God Is!* invites hard hearts to soften and convicted hearts to grow even closer to God.



STEP 2 - CATECHIZE

Through modern media for easy, ongoing faith formation

In partnership with Lighthouse Catholic Media, Evangelize All Ministries provides participants of *God Is!* a set of free CDs. Participants can avail themselves of these effective tools of inspiration and formation at their convenience (e.g. while commuting or carpooling). Evangelize All Ministries also sends out a short monthly "Epistle" (email newsletter) that supports adults in their faith journey and offers tools for personal spiritual growth.



"The CDs and brochures are a welcome addition to the faith life and continuing education of our people. I heartily recommend your program to all the pastors in the Archdiocese as a way to rekindle the faith of Chicago's Catholics and help fulfill Pope John Paul II's call for a New Evangelization." - Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago

STEP 3 - COMMUNITIZE

Through simple, convenient, inclusive, and self-led faith groups

Now that you "got them," "keep them" by offering Faith & Fellowship Meetings. These simple, one hour meetings provide an opportunity for anyone, no matter where they are in their journey, to come together in a supportive environment to pray and reflect upon the upcoming week's Gospel. Faith & Fellowship Meetings are open to anyone, do not require any commitment, homework or materials to buy and are easy to implement; in fact, "if you can read, you can lead." They can be held at the same time religious education is being taught, as well as other times throughout the week.





Our integrated program is effective, economical and easy to implement.

Implementation Made Easy

We will present the first *God Is!* Day of Renewal for your parish. After living this, your parish will be ready to follow our simple, user-friendly manual to present all future *God Is!* days (but we are always available for any needed support).

Costs & Benefits

Cost to Parish: We request a one time donation in the amount of \$1,000. We also ask for a \$5.00 donation for every participant who attends a *God Is!* Day of Renewal at your Parish.

Cost to Participants: We strongly recommend that you charge participants a nominal fee (e.g. \$20.00).

Fiscal Benefit: In addition to receiving a comprehensive evangelization process, training and support, each of your parishioners who attend a *God Is!* Day of Renewal will receive ongoing faith formation through a set of Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs and monthly Evangelize All Epistles at no cost to them or the parish.

Eternal Benefits: All participants, including many parishioners who do not currently attend Mass, will hear the Gospel re-proposed to them in a loving and effective manner and be invited into a closer, more personal relationship with God. Parishioners will be helped to come to a greater love for and devotion to the Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Your parish will grow as a loving and supportive community through both the *God Is!* Day of Renewal and through ongoing Faith and Fellowship meetings... *And, souls will be saved!*

TESTIMONIALS

“GOD BLESS YOU!!! Through the Holy Spirit you have taken the best of many great retreat programs and condensed it down to an unbelievable one day retreat!” - Mona A.

“A much needed refocusing on what is important in our faith life and letting go of what is not.” - Mike G.

“I had been to my first God Is! Day of Renewal and got so much out of it. I was asked again to attend the retreat 18 months later. I am so happy I did! I was inspired and rejuvenated once again. I heard testimonies that were completely different and spoke to me in a whole different way.” - Melissa H.

“ In today’s world it’s become difficult to spend an entire weekend away from home...that is very sad, however, one day? Well, hopefully, people will make the time for that! I will be highly recommending others to join in on this wonderful opportunity!” - Dave A.



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