



*Spirituality Commission
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*“And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim
the good news to the whole creation.” - Mark 16:15*

Taking it to the Streets

As Catholics, we are called to evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ’s life, passion and resurrection. A church which stays within itself and does not reach out to others is not following our Lord’s command to go to all nations. We show we are Christians by how we dress, how we act and by the words we say. Our love and excitement of our faith should manifest itself in us and spread light to our society, especially the members of our family.

St. Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) is a group of people and resources to help you not only speak to strangers about the Catholic Faith but to better equip you with answers to those tough questions we can be asked about our faith. They offer classes, brochures, blessed medals and rosaries for you to hand out to people as you share the gift of hope and eternal life with them.

The main idea is to plant seeds with people and let them know God loves them. I carry around a pouch of Miraculous Medals. I buy them at the SPSE store and they cost very little, with a membership.

Many times, I’ll be in conversation with people who have some spiritual and physical need. I say to them, “I’d like to give you something,” and I give them a Miraculous Medal.

I tell them, there was a nun in France named Katherine Laboure and she wanted to see the Virgin Mary. One night she heard a voice calling her name while she was in bed. She went to the Chapel which was illuminated with bright lights. There she saw the Virgin Mary who told her to make a medal of what she saw and to give them away to people. Those who wore the Immaculate Medal, with faith, would receive certain graces. She did so and in some cases the people who wore the medal not only received special graces but

miraculous healings. The Immaculate Metal eventually became known as the Miraculous Medal.

Another story is of a man named, Alphonse Ratisbonne, a Jewish Banker who traveled to Rome on business. His Catholic friend dared him to put on a Miraculous Medal and pray the Memorare. Alphonse said he would do nothing of the sort and that he did not believe in what he maintained was Catholic nonsense. The friend continued to dare him until finally Alphonse put on the sacramental and prayed the Memorare;

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.



Suddenly, Alphonse's friend got a call which took him to the Catholic Church for someone's funeral arrangements. Alphonse went with him. The friend went to another part of the church and left the Alphonse alone, where he was drawn to the Chapel by a brilliant light. There he saw the Virgin Mary, exactly the same way as she appeared on the medal. Alphonse was converted at once. Not only did he become Catholic but the excitement from inside him also converted 32 members of his family.

We have an awesome responsibility to share our faith and reach every man, woman and child on this planet. We start by listening to what their faith experience has been. We share with them our personal story about why we believe, love and trust our Lord and creator Jesus Christ.

Always remember to pray with the people we meet. It is good to tell someone you will pray for them. Why not take the opportunity to evangelize and take a moment to pray with them, while you are together?

I've learned a lot about prayer and giving people hope with my work at the St. Paul Street Evangelization, (online at www.streetevangelization.com). I've given away over a hundred Miraculous Medals both to strangers I meet and people I already know. People will often take the medal for a family member in need.

I encourage you to take some time to view the website. Let the Holy Spirit work through you to reach as many people as possible, with the love of Jesus Christ.

God bless.