

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
EVANGELIZATION AND PRECATECHUMENATE**

Focusing on Current Church Members

Example 1: PASSING ON FAITH

BAPTISM IS A TREASURED GIFT. By this gift of water and words we are joined to Jesus Christ and to his Church. In confirmation, our baptism was sealed by the powerful gifts of the Holy Spirit.

PASSING ON THIS FAITH is our cherished tradition. We do it with our babies all the time. We can do it with adults, too. Pray for those you know and those you do not know who are thinking about the Catholic Church. Pray that they may be open to God's gentle promptings.

Example 2: CHRISTIAN INITIATION

MAKING CATHOLICS. All of us, as parishioners of [name of parish], are involved in the making of new Catholics. This is very obvious when we bring our children to baptism and involve them in the teaching of religion and the passing on of the faith we cherish. It may be less obvious with adults. But visitors do notice how we pray and how we treat one another.

THE ATTRACTION OF LIVING FAITH. Non-Catholics may be attracted to us when they like what they see and like how we pray. Be bold! Ask someone if there is an interest in knowing more about the Catholic Church. Call [name of inquiry contact] at [phone] for details on inquiry sessions.

Example 3: SHARING CHRISTIAN FAITH

WHAT IS THIS "RCIA" ALL ABOUT? It is the way [name of parish] and all Catholic parishes across the world give good pastoral care to people who want to explore becoming Roman Catholic. And although the title of this volume of the Roman Ritual is entitled Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it provides for the training in the Christian life for everyone 6 or 7 years of age and up.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE who has an interest in us? Take a coupon from the bulletin board. Fill in your own name and give the completed form to our priest or mail it to the church office or drop it in the collection basket. When the free brochure "How Does a Person Become a Catholic?" arrives, give it to the person you have in mind. It might be just the spark that is needed.

Example 4: CHRISTIAN INITIATION

BECAUSE OF OUR BAPTISM, we want to pass on our belief and our tradition to our babies and children and youth. We even do it with adults who are seeking to live the Christian life.

HOW TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? Is there someone you know who has been thinking about the Catholic Church and may only need you to offer a way. Call [name of inquiry contact] at [phone] for details. Then pass that information on.

Example 5: BECOMING CATHOLIC

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE who wants to know more about the Catholic Church? Our parish provides **Inquiry Sessions** that may be just what that person needs. These weekly sessions are times for asking questions, times for some easy sharing, times for some simple praying. Call [name of inquiry contact] at [phone] for details on getting started.

Example 6: SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE who is looking for a Church? Do you know someone who is looking for God? Has someone asked you questions about the Catholic Church?

HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO: 1. Pray. 2. Give the person the brochure "How Does a Person Become a Catholic?" Get it from [name of inquiry contact] by calling [phone]. 3. Show the coupon from the bulletin board and ask if the person wants to fill it out. 4. Bring the filled out coupon to church the next Sunday and drop in the collection basket or give to a priest or a member of the RCIA team. 5. Continue to pray.