

STM Parish Library Book/Media Review

Title: Seek First the Kingdom: Challenging the Culture by Living Our Faith	Author: Cardinal Donald Wuerl
Media type: Book	Call Number: 261 WUE C.1 & C.2
Review submitted by: Donna Carl	Date: 1/20/14
Subject (e.g. Prayer, Family Life, Sacraments, Saints, Bible Study, Moral Conduct, Social Justice) Furthering the goals of the kingdom of God	
1. What is this book about? (describe briefly) Seek First the Kingdom addresses how we as Catholic laity have the responsibility and privilege of being ambassadors for the kingdom of God in this challenging time of our nation. Cardinal Wuerl encourages us to not only seek the truth regarding the political culture, but to live and spread the moral teachings of the Catholic Church just as disciples did.	
2. What main message does the author convey? (share a favorite quote/chapter title) Cardinal Wuerl writes: "Our goal should be to take advantage of the Pentecostal outpouring of God's grace and love. Our mission is simple: to communicate the person and message of Christ. We are the heralds of the kingdom." Cardinal Wuerl says, "To be in the kingdom is to be with Christ always, and to be <i>for</i> Christ always, in season and out of season, in private and in public, on the job and on our days off."	
3. What inspired you the most about this book, and why would you recommend it? Cardinal Wuerl's straightforward method of writing and the message he has for us is validating and encouraging, yet not easily achieved. He cites the Bible, the Didache, and the Catechism which are stark reminders of who we profess to be as Catholics and what standards and responsibilities we have to be faithful witnesses living and disseminating these truths to our brothers and sisters in this nation.	
4. Who would benefit from reading this book? Anyone who wants to be a more informed and committed Catholic.	
5. Any other impressions: This little book is a treasure chest packed with candid insight and thought provoking messages for Catholics called to be modern day disciples and faithful followers of Christ's teachings.	

