

Evangelization 101.5

CARE

CARE is the lived expression of the abundant grace and love we receive through our relationship with Christ (prayer and sacraments). Following Christ's example, we receive and support people who enter our lives.

Every person has a unique story -LISTEN! "We cannot know how to receive and support others unless we know their heart and have gained their trust". (from ENFLAME OUR HEARTS HOMES COMMUNITIES: CONVOCAION DELEGATE HANDBOOK 2020)

Christ started his public life sharing with crowds. Later, he prepared 72 disciples to go out and preach the "Good News". Christ was close to and taught His 12 apostles, but was closest to 3, Peter, James and John.

Who are your crowds?(Work? School? Social Media?) Your 72? (Events? Organizations?) Your 12? (Small faith group? Bible study?) Your 3? (Your immediate relationships).

Our immediate relationships, however, take priority, e.g. child parent, spouse, siblings. We first pray to the Holy Spirit to enlighten us, then we accompany them building a relationship and developing trust. AFFIRM rather than criticize. Some suggestions:

SPOUSES - really listen; alone time with each other; LOVE languages; pray together; make memories; nurture their soul.

CHILDREN - play and pray together; have adventures; make Church engaging; nurture their souls.

TEENS - care about their interests; focus on blessing each other; make Church engaging; have adventures; nurture their soul.

NEIGHBORS - be outdoors and friendly; lend a helping hand; chicken soup; check on them if concerned.

WORK - be friendly; pull your weight; listen; be kind and helpful, maybe go the extra mile.

Next time: Share

References: "Crowds to Three: Christ-Modeled Evangelization Using the Prayer-Care-Share Approach" by Office of Evangelization, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

"Enflame Our Hearts: Be Disciples, Make Disciples" by Office of Evangelization, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas