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Evangelization Options for Parishes

Dear Pastor/ Evangelization Committee Member:

The Call to Evangelize “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” (Mt 28:19). This command is most compelling because Christ directs us to do it and because our world is in great need of Him. This is a command to all the baptized, not just the apostles and the clergy.

Why we don’t evangelize There are three reasons Catholics often are reluctant to evangelize. These attitudes are widespread.

- “I’m a layperson. That’s the priest’s job.”
- “I don’t want to be a pest like those people who come knocking at my door.”
- “I wouldn’t know what to say.”

We will address the call to evangelize, the reluctance of many to reaching out, and give them specific tools for outreach.

PRAE – Parish Renewal and Evangelization is a subcommittee of the Pastoral Council of the Diocese of Worcester. We are a resource for parishes. We will, at the invitation of a parish, make one or several visits. We will consult beforehand with the parish leaders and gear the program to the needs and wishes of the parish. The emphasis of the presentations is not on formal, missionary-type outreach. It will address how to witness to Christ in the many encounters with others in daily life. There is no cost to the parish except if the parish wishes to have additional copies of the “Encounter Kit”; the cost would be only that of duplicating materials.

The Team can offer the following options:

- **An adult convert offering a witness talk**
- **A session entitled, “someone I love has left the Church”**
- **A session(s) with the Evangelization team using the Encounter Kit. The encounter kit is a user-friendly packet of “how-to” information for reaching out one-to-one.**
- **The team working with the existing parish evangelization team**
- **Any combination of the above that seems to fit a particular parish**

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