

Families and the New Evangelization

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The Church's evangelization and the family in their historical...

Small Group Discussion

- Give your parish a grade on how well they are doing at reaching out to families at this present time and explain why. Be Fair! Be Good! Job Challenge! Social Improvement! Be Spiritually Struggling to reach families! Pray for us!
- Share one thing you already do at your parish that could be made more welcoming and enjoyable for families.
- Brainstorm or share 1-2 events you would like to see happen at your parish in 2015-2016 school year.

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Have FUN!

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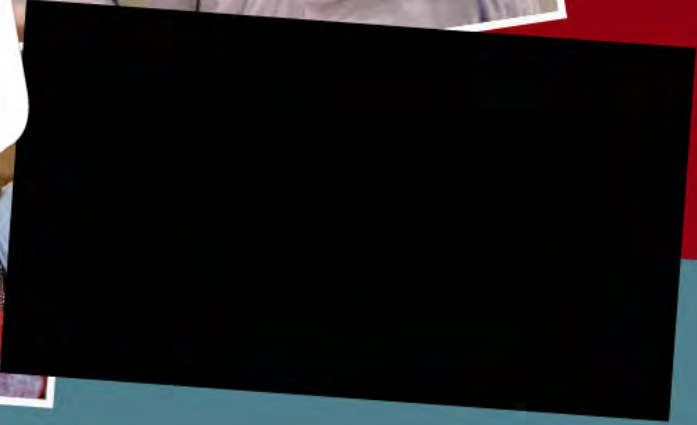
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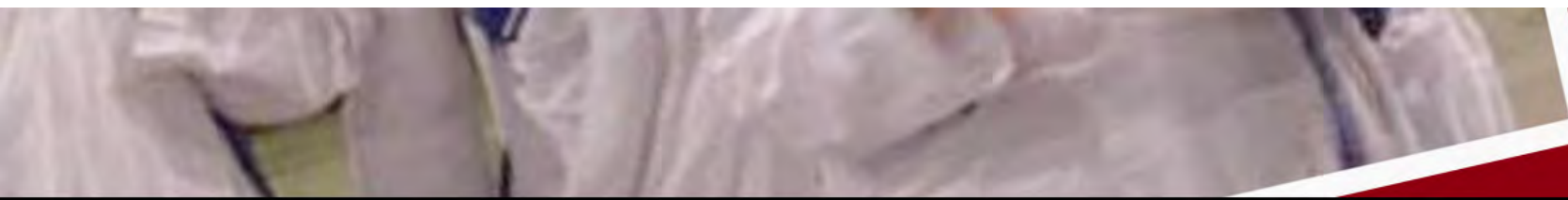
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Fire It Up Family Scavenger Hunt

You have exactly 25 minutes to bring back the following items. If you are late, you are disqualified. We will let you know when your time begins. Driving safely, you may drive within a quarter mile of the Church to accomplish the tasks below. *You need to stay with your family at ALL times or you'll be disqualified.*

Find the following objects:

___ A library card (1 pt)

___ A document issued by the Federal Government (1 pt)

___ A reusable shopping bag (3 pt)

___ A ziplock bag (1 pt)

___ A toilet paper square (1 pt)

___ A stale piece of food from your car (5 pts)

___ A paper or plastic map of New Jersey (10 pts)



___ A rosary (10 pts)

___ A quarter with a state that begins with an N or an M (5 pts)

___ Pantyhose (5 pts)

___ One smelly sock (10 pts)

___ A Christian CD (10 pts)

___ Deodorant, perfume or cologne (5 pts)

___ Buy a holy card of a saint at Good Shepherd Book & Gift- show receipt (15 pt)

Pictures

___ Take a picture of your whole family making a funny face in front of the ticket both at Mater Dei. (15pts)

___ Take a picture of someone in your family doing a random act of kindness for a stranger (15pts)

___ Take a picture of your youngest child with an outdoor St. Mary's statue (5 pts)

___ If it's raining, take a picture of your second oldest family member dancing in the rain. If it's not raining, take a picture of your second oldest acting goofy in the trunk of your car. (10 pts)

___ Take a picture of your foot near the brick that is engraved "The class of 2008." (25 points)

___ Take a picture of one of your parents going down a slide in the playground. (10pts)

___ Take a picture of Fr. Jeff or another priest doing the Hokey Pokey (25 points)

___ Take a picture of your father or mother doing a handstand (you can get help) (15 pts)

___ Take a picture of the oldest person in your family playing with a kids toy (no video games) (5 pts)

___ Take a group picture of everyone in your family wearing an article of clothing from another family member (Father might give jacket to daughter, daughter might give bracelet to brother, etc). It should be obvious by the picture that you are wearing someone else's things. (10 pts)

___ Take a picture with St. Anthony of Padua. (10)

___ Find the nun with the golf cart and take a ride. Get a picture of it! (25pts)

Add the total amount of points you have _____.

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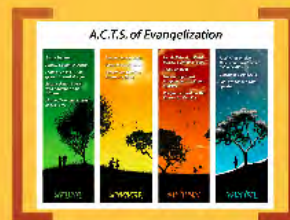


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*Ways to
Attract
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A.C.T.S. of Evangelization

Easter Egg Hunt
Father/ Daughter Dance
Lenten Parish Mission
geared toward all ages
Reconciliation Service
with Adoration and
Witness
Mother/Daughter Lunch
or Tea Party

SPRING

Summer Movie Night
Parish Picnic/Carnival
Father/ Son Outdoor
Adventure Night

SUMMER

Family Retreat or Parish
Retreat open to all ages
Trunk-or-Treat
Discovering Christ
Program (with Childrens
Ministry)
Religious Education Mini
Retreat for Families

AUTUMN

Family Advent Event-
Make your own Advent
Calendar/Wreath
Christmas Carol Night
Pot Luck Dinner with
Speaker

WINTER

★ Family Movie Night Under The Stars

featuring ★

Evan Almighty

Food!

Face
Painting!

50-50
raffle!

It's
FREE!



FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH @ 8:00 PM

St. Joseph Parish Parking Lot
34 Yorktown Rd.
Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets,
flashlights, family and friends!

Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Cotton Candy and Drinks
will be available for purchase!



Give Your Current Programs a “Wow” Factor





Reconnect with old friends...
Meet and welcome the newest
members of our parish...

St. Joseph Family Parish Picnic

Hosted by our Knights of Columbus

Sunday September 21, 2008
1 - 5 PM
"Rain or Shine"
on the Church Lawn.

If you like, bring your own lawn chairs,
a side dish, salad or dessert (in a
DISPOSABLE container),
an appetite and a smile...
We'll do the rest !!



Good EATS...



RELAX...

Bouncy Castle and fun activities for your
children!



Dunk Fr. Ray and various staff members at
dunk tank. (\$1 for staff, \$5 for Fr. Ray)

Socialize with FRIENDS....

Chris Saracco, 908-874-7971

Activities for the KIDS....

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HOSTED BY OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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- ★ Dunk Tank
- ★ Pony Rides
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Bounce Inflatable for Kids

WE'LL DO THE REST!
For More Info, Contact Jerry Bove at 908-358-1467

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How to evangelize in the home
The home is the first and most important place for evangelization. It is where we learn to love, to respect, and to care for others. It is where we learn to live in peace and harmony with God and with our neighbors. The home is the best place to witness to the Gospel and to share the love of Christ with our family members and friends.

How to evangelize in the workplace
The workplace is another important place for evangelization. It is where we spend a significant portion of our lives. It is where we learn to work together, to respect our colleagues, and to care for our community. The workplace is the best place to witness to the Gospel and to share the love of Christ with our coworkers and supervisors.

How to evangelize in the school
The school is a third important place for evangelization. It is where we learn to read, to write, and to think. It is where we learn to respect our teachers and our classmates, and to care for our school community. The school is the best place to witness to the Gospel and to share the love of Christ with our students and teachers.

How to evangelize in the neighborhood
The neighborhood is a fourth important place for evangelization. It is where we live and work together. It is where we learn to love our neighbors as ourselves, to respect their rights, and to care for their needs. The neighborhood is the best place to witness to the Gospel and to share the love of Christ with our neighbors.

How to evangelize in the world
The world is the final and most important place for evangelization. It is where we live and work together as a global community. It is where we learn to love our fellow human beings, to respect their rights, and to care for their needs. The world is the best place to witness to the Gospel and to share the love of Christ with all people.



Attract

Make It Family Friendly!

CAN THEY MAKE IT?

Excuses

- Conflict with sports
- I can't afford it
- My family isn't that religious
- Saturday is a family day
- I am afraid my kids won't like it

Solutions

Have a family rate and publicize. Scholarships are available. Offer things that will attract families like a bounce house, face painting, little carnival games for the younger kids. Sport video games projected on a big screen or wall, crafts, family minute to win it game or scavenger hunt with big prizes for winners, and great music, etc.

- I have young children and don't have a babysitter → Offer child care for 2-4 year olds. Children's ministry for 5-10 year olds. Make sure start and end times aren't too late for young families.
- What happens if I miss a week (if it's a series)? → Record the series and make it available online.
- It's not a good time → Make sure it's scheduled at a great time for families.
- I don't want to be preached at or judged → Have dynamic speakers, personal testimonies, fun illustrations, multimedia.
- I have to make dinner after work and not sure I can get there on time → Offer meals.
- My husband may feel uncomfortable → On the registration form offer couples' small groups.
- I don't want to be in a small group with strangers → On the registration have a place where they can request a friend.



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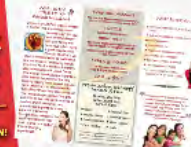


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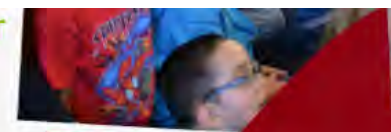
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FIRE IT UP! Mission



Sunday, May 18th
5:00 - 8:30pm
(includes dinner)
May 19th - 21st
6:30 - 8:30pm

SUNDAY KICKOFF DINNER AND FUN!

Bounce House, Carnival Games,
Popcorn Cart, Face Painting & much more!

- * UPBEAT MUSIC
- * POWERFUL TALKS
- * LIFE-CHANGING PRAYER
- * WEE ONE'S MINISTRY (2 1/2 - 4 yrs)
- * CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (5-10 yrs)

REGISTER HERE!!

What is the FIRE IT UP Parish Mission?

Do you know ABOUT God, but desire to KNOW God in a deeper, more



personal way? Do you want to bond deeper with your family and have your kids to have a great experience at Church? The Fire It Up

Mission is designed to do just that! It is a fun, dynamic, and family friendly event that has the ability to transform your relationship with Jesus Christ. This mission introduces participants to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit by leading them to seek the Lord more deeply, and to experience the truth of how much the Father loves us! The mission helps "unpack" the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit received at Baptism and Confirmation, and prepares participants for a very personal "Pentecost" through a new release of the Spirit's presence in their lives. Come be a part of this life changing experience!



Who Can Attend?

The Fire It Up Mission is family-friendly and open to parishioners old and young alike!

TOPICS

- SUNDAY- GOD'S LOVE
- MONDAY- NEW LIFE
- TUESDAY- RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS/ SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
- WEDNESDAY- OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When & Where?

The mission will be from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church.

Cost is free!

Pre-Mission Kickoff Dinner & Fun

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- PERSONAL TESTIMONIES
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- ILLUSTRATIONS THAT WILL INVOLVE JR & SR HIGH TEENS



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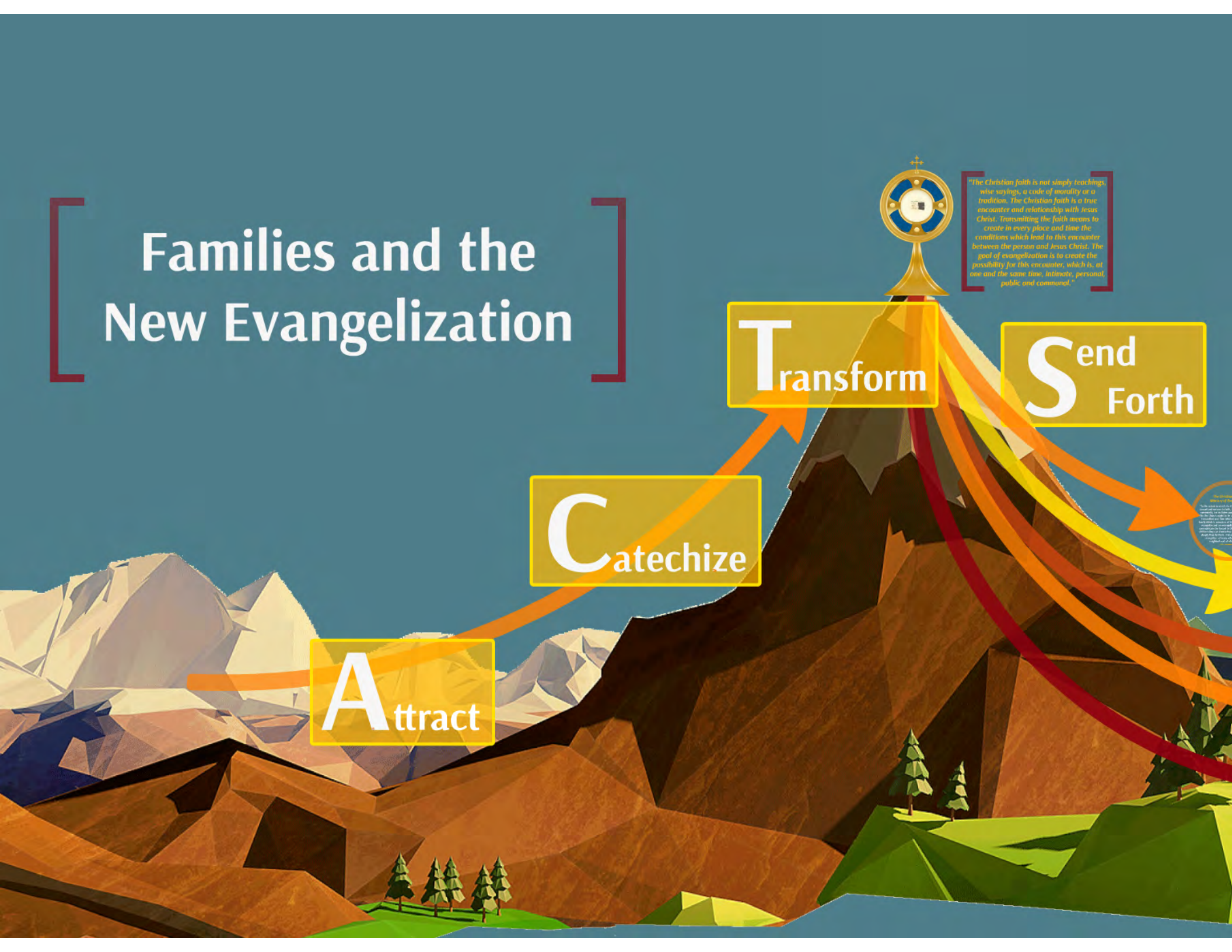
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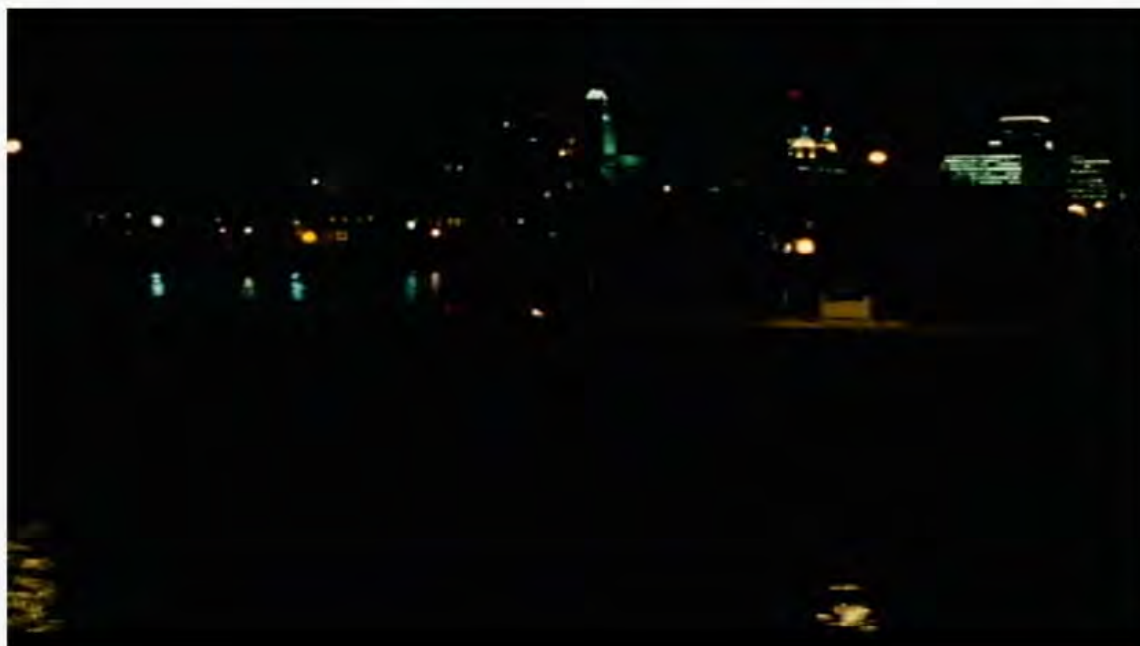




Use Props



Use Video Clips



OSC video clips



Incorporate Great Music Ministry and Dynamic Speakers



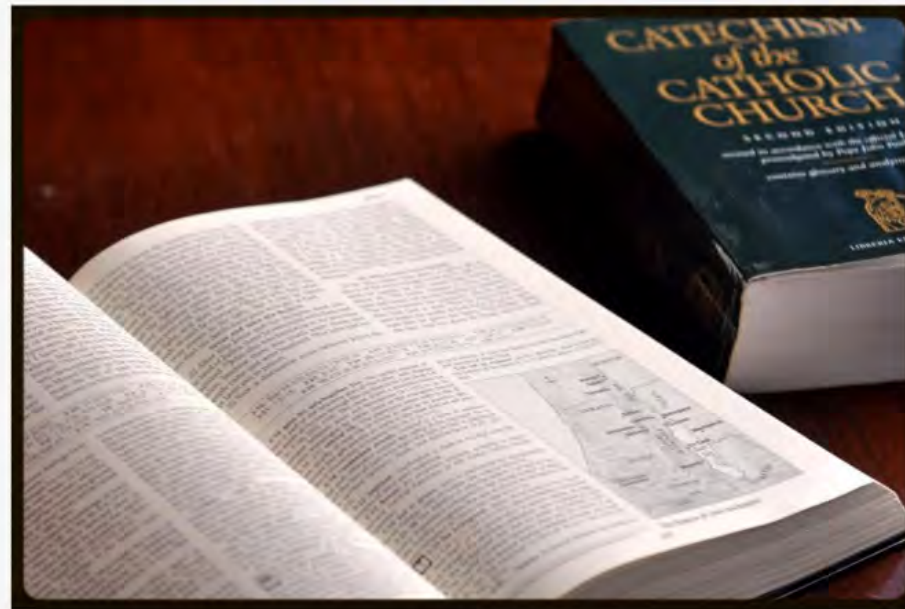
Powerful Witnesses



Small Group Sharing



Use of Scripture and the Catechism



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What are some transformational experiences we can offer?

- Mass - Source and Summit of our faith
- Eucharistic adoration
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Guided meditation
- Praying with families by an individual or prayer team
- Empowerment session
- Powerful skits
- Public prayer committing life to Jesus in a new way
- Leading them to silent prayer / scripture
- Journal or write a letter to Jesus





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The Christian Family's Mission of Evangelization
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Parents: Shaping Their Faith
Parents are the primary evangelists for their children. They are called to be "witnesses" of their own faith and to transmit it to their children through their words and actions. The family is the first and most important school of faith.

Open Hospitality of Your Family
The family is called to be a place of welcome and hospitality for all, especially for the poor and the marginalized. The family is the first and most important place of evangelization.

Witness and Prayer
The family is called to be a place of witness and prayer. The family is the first and most important place of evangelization.

Make It Easy for Families to Evangelize
The Church is called to create a culture of evangelization that is accessible and welcoming for all families. The Church is the first and most important place of evangelization.

The Greatest Evangelization Tool for Families Is Their Witness!



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The Christian Family's Ministry of Evangelization

“To the extent in which the Christian family accepts the Gospel and matures in faith, it becomes an evangelizing community. Let us listen again to Paul VI: “The family, like the Church, ought to be a place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates. In a family which is conscious of this mission, all the members evangelize and are evangelized. The parents not only communicate the Gospel to their children, but from their children they can themselves receive the same Gospel as deeply lived by them. And such a family becomes the evangelizer of many other families, and of the neighborhood of which it forms part.”

(123) - Familiaris Consortio

Parents Sharing Their Faith With Their Children



“Hence, parents must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children. Their role as educators is so decisive that scarcely anything can compensate for their failure in it. The right and duty of parents to give education is essential ...”

Familiaris Consortio

*Make disciples of those adults
who are now on fire with the faith*

- Have an open mike at the end of the retreat, mission or series to share how they were touched.
- Invite and train specific people who were deeply touched to give their witness at the next large gathering
- Encourage your retreat team to invite the participants from their small group to their house for dinner and fellowship.



Identify and Develop Future Leaders

- Have a plan to disciple and mentor men and women who have had a transformational experience of God
- Empower newly evangelized parishioners into leadership positions as soon as possible
 - When people encounter Christ in a personal way, they are filled with energy, excitement, zeal and passion to spread the gospel to the whole world! Be ready to help them direct this energy and enthusiasm!



Make it Easy For Families to Evangelize

- Schedule regular events that are geared to attract families that are disengaged from the Church
- Families that have been transformed and engaged in their faith will find it easier to invite others to attend these events



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Small Group Discussion

- Give your parish a grade on how well they are doing at reaching out to families at this present time and explain why. A= Fantastic B= Good Job C=Needs some improvement D=Seriously struggling to reach families F= Pray for us!
- Share one thing you already do at your parish that could be made more welcoming and enjoyable for families.
- Brainstorm or share 1-2 events you would like to see happen at your parish in 2015-2016 school year.