

Creating  
Passionately  
Catholic  
Parishes

*Conversion of Hearts through  
the New Evangelization*

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# PRAYER FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

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*Gracious and merciful God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit all Catholics may hear the call of the New Evangelization and seek a deeper relationship with your Son, Jesus.*

*We pray that the New Evangelization will renew the Church, inspiring all Catholics to “go forth and make disciples of all nations” and transform society through the power of the Gospel.*

*We pray for all members of the Church, that we heed the words of Christ — “do not be afraid”—and strengthened by the Holy Spirit’s gift of courage, give witness to the Gospel and share our faith with others.*

*We pray that we may become like the father of the prodigal son — filled with compassion for our missing brothers and sisters — and run to embrace them upon their return.*

*We pray that all people yearning to know Christ and the Church may encounter him through the faithful who witness to his love in their lives.*

*Loving God, our Father, strengthen us to become witnesses to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

*O Blessed Virgin Mary, we ask you who prayed to strengthen the faith of the first disciples to obtain for the Church in the United States an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, to guide us in a new evangelization.*

*Help us to teach the faith in such a way that the members of the Church today will truly be Christ’s disciples of this new millennium drawing people throughout the world to the saving message and power of Christ.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.*



# NEW EVANGELISM MINISTRY

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**T**he New Evangelization is not simply another parish program or parish initiative, but should be considered a parish ministry, on a similar level as Liturgy, Parish Life, Peace and Justice, etc. It is a ministry focused on touching the hearts of people so that they may come to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ, and to establish a personal and profound relationship with Him. This relationship will be nurtured through the sacraments of the Church. Having people fall in love with their faith and in love with the Church will bring them closer to Christ in a very passionate way, and will build the body of Christ.

The New Evangelization is grounded in the Truth. The Truth is Jesus Christ and through our baptism, we His Church, are called to evangelize. Jesus Christ founded the Church, and we received from Him Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. The authoritative interpreter of these two sources is the Magisterium

of the Church.<sup>1</sup> These two sources contain all Truth and are immutable. All who evangelize must be one with Christ, His Church and the teachings of the Church. We are called to pass on to all generations the true and unerring teachings of this faith.

Those serving in the New Evangelization ministry are called to serve and be in full communion with the beliefs, teachings, and the life of the Catholic faith. People serving in this ministry are not simply volunteers who fill positions and vacancies. They are called to serve by their obedience to Church teachings and by their love for Jesus Christ.

<sup>1</sup>*Dei Verbum*

# IGNITING THE NEW EVANGELIZATION AT YOUR PARISH

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**O**ver the past 50 years or so, many Catholics have been fed with, what I refer to as “squishy Catholicism.” It is not unusual for people to call themselves Catholic even though they support abortion, gay marriage, women’s ordination to name a few errors in their beliefs. There are many in public life and even some who are ordained who profess to be Catholic, yet do not support the fundamental teachings of the Church. Because the flock has been led astray by leaders within the Church, many believe it is acceptable to be whatever kind of Catholic they choose to be.

Now is the time to lead the flock in the Truth of our faith, the faith of our apostolic tradition, the faith that transcends all time. The New Evangelization is the way for parishes to touch the hearts of the flock.

## New Evangelization Leadership Team

Selecting the leadership team to be the first fruits of this ministry is an appropriate starting point. There are three basic components in the formation of the leadership team of the New Evangelization ministry at the parish.

1. **Select New Evangelization Ministry Chair:** As with all who are called to serve in the NE ministry, it is critical that the chair is a leader who is authentically Catholic and one who believes, worships, and lives in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church doctrine. The chair should be someone who is respected in the parish and has the talents necessary to lead a team. The Pastor should thoughtfully and prayerfully select a person who could faithfully serve in this capacity.
2. **Identify a Clergy Director:** Working alongside the NE Chair is a member of Clergy, a Priest or a Deacon, who is there to support and guide the chair. There should be a spiritual synergy with the Chair and the Clergy. It should go without saying, but the Clergy director must also believe, worship, and live authentically Catholic in accordance with his vocation.
3. **Identify, interview, and select potential members of the NE Leadership Team:** The leadership team consists of

parishioners who will be executing the NE programs within the parish. First and foremost, the leadership team must be authentically Catholic. They must be examples for others to follow. Because of this requirement, before inviting someone to join the team, the chair or the Clergy may consider interviewing potential team members.

The number of people serving in this leadership capacity will depend upon the number of candidates who meet the qualifications to serve. Having a team that has representation from the many parish ministries is ideal. However, never compromise quantity for quality. If you can only find twelve authentically Catholic parishioners willing to serve, begin your leadership team with the twelve. Remember, Christ himself identified his twelve and built his Church on earth with twelve simple men.

That being said, those who have difficulties with elements of the teachings of the Church yet have the desire to be a part of the NE effort, should not be rejected but rather be taken under the wing of a NE team member. Every effort should be made to evangelize to those who have a desire to serve but do not yet have the proper disposition for this ministry.

The Parish Assessment Tool (Appendix A) can be used as a means to identify areas where potential leaders have difficulty with Church teachings and in the practice of their faith. This

tool may be used in all ministries requiring leadership and the transmission of authentic Catholic doctrine. In addition, all liturgical ministries must have a means to determine the minimum requirements for serving at the altar of the Lord.

## Leadership Team Discernment Process

Once the chair and the leadership team have been selected and the Clergy director identified, the discernment process begins. Meetings with NE team to discern their calling should be held regularly. The focus of these meetings is prayer, scripture, reflection, and discussion. The discernment process for the team may take between 3-6 months or longer depending on the needs of the team.

The importance and significance of prayer as the center of the New Evangelization process must be embraced by the leadership team. Beginning the meetings with the holy Rosary is encouraged. Also, reinforcing traditional Catholic prayers as well as encouraging spontaneous prayer will build a strong foundation for the New Evangelization leadership team. The New Evangelization implementation and its success in the parish must be guided by the Holy Spirit. It is so important that in everything we do, we seek to do the will of God alone and pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit. We are being called to touch the hearts of people. Prayer is central to this mission.

After discernment, the Chair officially invites each team member to respond to the call. For those who respond positively, they will become the core leadership team. The entire team should be commissioned or blessed before the entire parish at each of the holy Masses on a determined weekend.

# EVANGELIZING YOUR PARISH

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**T**he evangelization process is not a checklist of items, necessarily. It is a process that must be customized to the needs of your parish community. The mission, again, is to bring people into a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. With this in mind, it is essential to have those people who are on the front lines of the parish embrace the New Evangelization including parish staff, parish council, and all liturgical ministers. The process for their conversion will be similar to the discernment process of the leadership team; however, in a condensed manner and without the commissioning. Those on NET leadership with the gift of teaching can assist in the formation of the parish leadership.

Of primary importance in the evangelization effort at every level in the parish is for the leadership of the New Evangelization to meet people where they are in life and in their faith. Pope Francis calls for us to provide a “culture of encounter.” It is a time to show others the love of Christ by loving our neighbor

and offering others an invitation to encounter Christ through our openness to the Holy Spirit at work in our parish activities.

# RENEWING THE HOLY PARISH

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Over the past half-century, many Catholics have received mixed messages from their church leaders, clergy, and from the secular society. Many, if not most Catholics no longer practice the faith they received as a child and a great number have completely left their Catholic faith. A good number of them are now members of the Protestant tradition. Now is the time to clearly communicate the beauty and the truth of the Catholic faith. Our parishes must embrace the magisterial teachings of the Church and joyfully proclaim our rich history, our Catholic beliefs, the moral teachings of the Church, and how to live a Catholic life in order to change hearts. Our Catholic identity is at stake. Catholic clergy and Catholic leadership must seek a united voice, in union with the Holy Father. We are all called to save souls. We must respond to this call.

Becoming a holy parish will not happen overnight. It may also be a somewhat painful process, depending on the current state of your parish. In fact, be prepared to lose parishioners before

your parish begins to rebuild with a solid foundation. No pain, no gain; no cross, no crown. Keep in mind that it is better to shepherd a few souls to heaven rather than an entire flock into the depths of Hell.

## The Sanctuary

The Catholic faith has a rich history of impacting the senses. Much of our Catholic identity can be seen and felt when we enter the doors of our churches. Our sacraments, of course, are fundamentally sensual. We are known for our “smells and bells.” Our churches have crucifixes, statues, Stations of the Cross, holy water, and the list goes on. These elements are uniquely Catholic and are there to draw people closer to their faith. As a parish builds their evangelization efforts, it is important to recognize and assess the physical elements in the sanctuary and make every effort to enhance our sanctuaries with these traditional Catholic elements. The Sacraments and sacramentals are fundamental to the worship of Jesus Christ in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

## The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

If Catholics knew what they had, they could never leave their faith. Unfortunately, most Catholics do not know what they have and a renewed education of our faith is needed. For example,

most Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The source, center, and summit of our faith is the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist must be our starting point in the education of the flock.

Let's focus our education efforts on the parishioners who are attending Mass. They are the low hanging fruit, so to speak. Our call is to make them "fruitful" and multiply! Let's reach them in the pews at every holy Mass.

During the homily, our Priests and Deacons have the ear of all who attend Mass. During the renewing of your parish, plan on incorporating the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist in every homily. It can be a simply reminder of the real meal that they will be receiving during Holy Communion. Once they know of Christ in the Eucharist, it will not be long before Christ touches them in the hearts.

In addition to incorporating the Eucharist in every homily, it is important to remind the flock what it means to be Catholic. During homilies, in particular, using the phrase, "We are Catholic" followed by a uniquely Catholic belief or tradition, should become a constant reminder of elements of our faith that distinguish us from our Protestant brothers and sisters.

Offering daily Mass, everyday, must be a priority for the conversion of a parish. In fact, depending on the demographics

of your parish, it may be necessary to offer two daily Masses. It is essential that we reach out to families and young people. Consideration should be given to daily Mass times that accommodate the schedules of young families and people who work and the length of these liturgies should be sensitive to their time schedules. Early morning and mid-day Masses provide an opportunity for many to receive Jesus daily. The daily offering of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist will build His kingdom, for sure. The prayer we have received from the Lord confirms this, "Give us this day our daily bread." Let's turn this into a reality for the faithful and provide them with the opportunity to receive their daily bread.

It is very important that the faithful attending the weekend Masses are reminded of the daily opportunities to receive the Holy Eucharist. Priests should make it a point to remind their flock of the daily Mass schedule and encourage them to attend Mass daily, as their schedules allow. These reminders are particularly appropriate after Holy Communion and before the final blessing.

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

If the majority of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, it is not difficult to understand that fewer than 30% receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at

least once per year. Only 18% receive the sacrament more than once per year. These statistics may be considered encouraging, as there is so much room for improvement! With the proper formation, there will soon be very long lines for those seeking this beautiful sacrament of God's mercy.

The question is how do we change the hearts and minds of people to come through the doors of grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Here is a short list of recommendations:

- Offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation often. Because many parishes have a narrow window of time that this sacrament is offered, the unintended consequence is that it leaves parishioners with perception that the sacrament is not important. Also, consider offering this sacrament 30-60 minutes prior to every Mass, even daily Masses. It is important for parishioners to see others receive the sacrament. It also sends the message that the pastor views this sacrament as essential to the life of his Catholic flock.
- Priests and Deacons receiving this sacrament are a visible sign to others of our sinful nature. It is a very powerful and humbling example to see Clergy going to confession. As a side note, it is also very powerful to see Priests and Deacons praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

- Having a reference to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist should be woven into as many homilies as possible. Catholics must understand that our fundamental identity is in the Eucharist. Also, homilies should often reference Catholic morality and sin. It is important that the parish understand the sinful nature of humanity. In our culture, we have been desensitized to sin. Many people believe they are not sinners. Talking about sin and the need to be absolved of sin in order to become a holy tabernacle for the Eucharist provides a natural connection between the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Make this connection and make it often!
- Offer adult classes that inspire and ignite parishioners in the beauty of the sacraments and the great graces that come with receiving them with a pure heart. Have these classes led by people with the gift of teaching and passing on our faith. Recognizing and channeling the gifts each of us have received from God cannot be understated. A person may have a desire to teach but may not have the gift, just as a person may have a desire to sing but does not have the gift. Gifts can be developed and they can be channeled. The point here is to make sure that we do not want to seek “warm bodies” to fill open positions in any ministry, unless they are called and have the gift.

## The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Marriage and family are the core building blocks of a holy family. Our secular society is conveying the opposite message. Our society is encouraging cohabitation before marriage as a necessary requirement in order for couples to make sure they are compatible. In addition, belief in marriage between one man and one woman is seen by many as being intolerant. The use of birth control by Catholic women and men is practiced at the same rate as the rest of society. And, remaining chaste until marriage is a rarity. In fact, the secularization of our culture views the primary purpose of sexual relationships as recreation rather than procreation.

Because of these strong cultural influences, many if not most of our young people seeking this sacrament are living together and/or have consummated their relationship before they approach the Church to become one in Christ. Evangelizing these couples is critical. It is so very important that couples understand the beauty of marriage. Evangelization must focus on the covenantal relationship they are entering and their openness for children, the greatest gift from God. Once the couple understands the marital covenant they are entering into is sacred and centered in their faith in Jesus Christ, they will be open to children and have a great start to a holy family.

Part of evangelizing to premarital couples should be focused on changing their behaviors, when necessary, to live a chaste life,

both before and during married life. Having married couples as a part of the New Evangelization leadership team to assist in this ministry will be necessary. If couples approach this sacrament in humility, love, and trust they will be able to pass these virtues on to their children creating generations of families grounded in their faith.

# A HOLY PARISH PROCESS

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**I**n order to become a holy parish, it is essential to look at the key areas of impact and results. Our Pastors and Priests must have qualified, authentically Catholic human resources to begin the holy parish process. Numbers are not as important as the quality of the resource. The Holy Spirit has been yearning for holy parishes and will be there to assist in this process.

## Parish Administration

In order for Priests to be available to offer daily Masses, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, and spiritual direction they must be freed from many of the administrative functions that can otherwise be accomplished by a competent professional. Encouraging the hiring of a professional and trusted administrator should be a priority. Ideally, a trusted Deacon

who is available and qualified to serve in this capacity should be considered. Also, as much freedom as possible should be given to Pastors in the conduct of parish business, relieving them of administrative burdens, wherever possible and practical.

## Liturgical Ministers

From time to time we hear from the chairs of liturgical ministry that volunteers are needed to serve in a liturgical capacity. Many times it seems as if we are requesting for any willing volunteer to sign up. The way we view these ministers must be revisited. And we must be willing to sacrifice quantity of liturgical ministers for quality. Becoming more selective in recruiting liturgical ministers may initially lengthen the Mass. However, it is essential that the ministers who proclaim the Word of God and those who administer Holy Communion fully understand the responsibility that comes with this ministry.

Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist by their very function offer and sometimes handle the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ. Do we even ask if they believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist? Do these ministers come to their ministry with mortal sin on their soul? Do they approach this sacrament with humility, reverence, and modesty? It has been my observation that the primary qualification required is a willingness to serve. This is a great place to start, but much more is required to be qualified to administer the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Requirements to serve as a Eucharistic Minister should include an interview or assessment process. In addition, a person with deep humility and one who frequently receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation might be an appropriate recruit.

Ministers of the Word also fall into the same requirements as those of the Eucharist. In addition, they must have the gift to proclaim the Word of God. Training both ministers of the Word and the Eucharist is more about internal preparation rather than the external mechanics of the ministry.

## Catechists

Every year, usually around August, the dire need for catechists is heard from the pulpit. Pray, search your souls, talk to other catechists are common chords heard to recruit parishioners to this ministry. The problem is, many Catholics even the ones in the pews on Sunday, don't know and don't practice their faith well enough to pass it on to our children. The "we will take any warm body" approach is again utilized. Many of our children are growing up with a Protestantized version of Catholicism because of this. We must insist that our catechists are well grounded in their Catholic faith and Catholic identity. It would be better to simply teach our children to pray rather than to bring them up with false teaching. In fact, prayer might be an appropriate teaching alternative for catechists who are not grounded in their

Catholic identity and their faith tradition while the evangelization of these catechists takes place.

The New Evangelization leadership team must evangelize to those first who lead the catechists and then to the catechists themselves. Catechists should go through an interview and assessment process prior to being commissioned as a Catholic catechist.

## Incorporating Prayer in all Ministries

The importance of a life of prayer must always be encouraged. Teaching the parish community to pray and reinforcing its necessity for a holy life should be a focus of the Pastor and the NET leadership. Proven prayer practices to be considered for incorporating in your parish community include the following:

- Praying the Holy Rosary before all weekend Masses. The practice of praying before Mass will teach our families to pray the rosary, create a peaceful sanctuary, and prepare us to receive Jesus Christ in His Word and in the Eucharist.
- All liturgical ministers should participate in the rosary before Mass, if it is offered. If the rosary is not offered, all liturgical ministers should gather to pray together 10-15 minutes prior to Mass. Praying a decade of the rosary is a recommendation

for liturgical ministers. Also, for the congregation to witness our liturgical ministers in prayer prior to Mass is a very powerful message.

- Offer opportunities for Adoration with Exposition at least monthly, but preferably weekly.
- All parish meetings should begin and end with prayer.
- All catechesis should begin and end with prayer.

## Evangelizing to the Congregation

It is important for the flock to be confirmed in their faith. Many Catholics have forgotten significant elements of the Catholic faith, have been influenced by cultural values, or have received false teaching over the years. We are living at an age where people are now hungry for the Truth. It is our responsibility to make sure they are fed.

Many parishes, during the Year of Faith, asked their parishioners to arrive 20-30 minutes early for Mass for education of the Catholic Catechism. The Catechism was then broken down into 50 manageable teaching sessions. Each week, the parish would hear about the beauty of their faith as it is presented in

the Catechism. Implementing this catechesis during the New Evangelization of your parish would be appropriate.

Another, shorter method to teach the congregation, is to take 2-3 minutes before Mass begins and present a “Catholic Moment.” This Catholic Moment is a time to teach the congregation about an element of Catholic faith, Catholic moral truths, and Catholic living. The Catholic Moment can then be used by Catechists, the RCIA team, and in all religious education programs each week to further confirm and explain the topic.

# OTHER HOLY PARISH CONSIDERATIONS

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**T**he following list contains additional suggestions for seeking a holy parish. Some of these suggestions appear to be “housekeeping” items. However, consideration should be given to how we say and do things during the Mass and the proper order of our actions in relation to the Eucharist.

1. Whenever we pray, during the intercessions at Mass and at all other times, make sure our prayers are aligned with our faith. All prayers should be made with the consideration that they are answered according to the holy will of God.
2. Encourage reverence during Holy Mass. Remind parishioners of the appropriate attire for Mass and the reverent postures during Mass. Over the years, many have relaxed their dress code for Mass. In particular, anyone who serves at the altar or in any liturgical capacity must be dressed

appropriately (Business or Church dress) and modestly. Ideally, all ministers serving at the altar should be vested in accordance with their ministerial function.

3. As stated previously, whenever possible the Holy Eucharist should be mentioned in the homily. The source, center and summit of our faith is the Eucharist. Evangelizing the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist will help change hearts. If all Catholics believed in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, they could never leave the Church.
4. Any parish announcements that are of a social or fund raising nature should be done prior to Mass and not after Holy Eucharist or at the end of Mass.
5. Before dismissing the congregation after Mass, the Priest, Deacon, or their spokesperson should always remind the congregation of the daily Mass schedule and the Reconciliation schedule for the upcoming week. Encouraging the participation in these sacraments frequently will help build a holy parish. In addition, opportunities for Adoration, parish prayer services, and faith formation would also be appropriate for announcements prior to dismissal.
6. Always meet people where they are and lift them up. Do not judge people who come to Mass late and/or leave early. Be thankful for their presence. Be welcoming.

7. A crying baby is a baby who has survived the womb. Never chastise parents with a crying baby. Have ushers trained in assisting parents if there is a need. Always be compassionate to families with small children.

# EVANGELIZING TO THE LOST AND STRAYED

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**M**any Catholics no longer practice their faith and many more have joined other faith traditions. In addition, there are many people in our world that do not believe in God and have no hope. We are called to evangelize to all of God's flock, the faithful, the lost and the strayed.

One of the best ways to reach others and bring them to Christ is to know and understand our faith and talk to others, one-on-one about our faith life. This will happen naturally, once Catholics know their faith and know their Savior in their hearts. The Holy Spirit is always a willing collaborator in these efforts. Encouraging parishioners to share their faith with others is a natural part of the New Evangelization.

Developing social media strategies for your parish website is another way to reach others. Many of our youth and young adults

rely on social media as their primary communication tool. We need to engage our youth by drawing them into their faith using this tool. This, however, is simply a start. A personal invitation for participation must follow.

Advertising media is another option to reach others. Whether it is in a local newspaper, radio, television, billboard, etc. all options should be considered relative to the message and the audience you are targeting. Collaborating with proven authentically Catholic ministries and programs may be helpful, as well.

Using external media sources will depend on the budget available. This strategy is one that can be executed at the Diocesan level and followed through at the local parish level.

# CONCLUSION

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## Where to Begin

**I**n conclusion, it is essential to understand where to begin. Begin with prayer. If you can develop a prayer life in every soul in your parish, the Holy Spirit will take care of the rest.

Teach parishioners to pray, especially the Holy Rosary. A devotion to our Blessed Mother will make a dramatic difference in the evangelization efforts at your parish. Consider a parish-wide Consecration to Jesus Through Mary using Father Gaitley's method in *33 Days to Morning Glory*. It's an easy way to transform souls into a deeper relationship with Christ. It will transform your parish, as well.

## New Evangelization Outcomes

Renewing the faith passed on to us by generations of devout Catholics that have preceded us will have amazing outcomes in

our parishes. The first primary outcome, of course, is bringing souls to Jesus Christ so that they may share in His eternal glory. God yearns for each one of us to return to Him. But, it requires our responding to His call. It's always good to remember that saving a soul is higher on the divine list than saving a life.

Next, parishes will thrive. There will no longer be a need for begging for volunteers, catechists, or even for money. The will of God is for His Church to thrive and when we commit ourselves to the Truth, He will take care of the rest.

The third outcome is that parishes will come alive and grow. Our faith is rooted in the Truth and the Truth will set us free. We will have people who are on fire for Christ and will bring his light into every aspect of their lives. Our Church, our community and our world will change.

The New Evangelization will change our parish one soul at a time. Work hard, be patient, and place all your trust in the Lord.

## Closing Prayer for all Evangelists

Prayer of Abandonment, Charles de Foucauld

*Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord.*

*Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.*

APPENDIX A

Parishioner Assessment Tool

CATHOLIC FAITH

<b>BELIEF</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>UNSURE</b>
I believe in God.			
I believe God is eternal (no beginning, no end).			
I believe Jesus is God's only begotten Son.			
I believe the Bible is the Word of God and contains all truth.			
I believe Mary is the mother of God.			
I believe in saints.			
I believe in angels.			
I believe Satan does exist.			
I believe there is a heaven.			
I believe there is a hell.			
I believe there is a purgatory.			
I believe in the infallibility of the Pope on faith and morals.			
I believe the Eucharist is Jesus Himself (not just a symbol).			

## CATHOLIC MORAL LIFE

<b>TEACHING</b>	YES	NO	UNSURE
I believe in the sanctity of life from conception until natural death. I am against abortion and euthanasia.			
I support the Church's teaching on sexual intercourse being reserved for married couples.			
I support the Church's teaching that marriage is between one man and one woman.			
I support the Church's teaching against artificial contraception.			
I support the Church's teaching on divorce and annulments.			

## CATHOLIC LIFE

<b>ACTION</b>	YES	NO	UNSURE
I attend church every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation.			
I go to confession at least once per year.			
I go to communion at least during the Easter season.			
I observe days of fast and abstinence as prescribed by the Church.			
I contribute financially to the Church.			
I support the Church's teaching on male priesthood.			
I pray every day.			
I pray the rosary every day.			
I fast from food and drink (except water) one hour prior to Holy Communion.			

