

New Evangelization

Suggestions for Fall 2014

Evangelization can be a simple gesture



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A new USCCB webinar on the New Evangelization can be found at http://www.usccb.org/myusccb/ The webinar provides information on the upcoming Evangelization Tool Kit being provided by the USCCB.

Be sure to check out www.archlou.org/evang for additional resources and training.

Becoming an Evangelizing Community Workshop - A 90 minute workshop to help participants learn more about evangelization. This can be tailored to your needs and audience. Call the number below to schedule a workshop.

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<u>"The Blessing of Long Life"</u> event will be held Sunday Sept. 28 at St Peter's Square – the world day of prayer for the synod of bishops on the family and a few weeks after National Grandparents' Day in the U.S.

 Provide recognition and possibly a blessing at a weekend liturgy. Encourage parishioners to invite seniors from the larger community and/or neighborhood.

Evangelization Strategies for Teachers - Please pass them along as school returns.

- Pray with your students.
- Set up a prayer space in each classroom.
- Involve families in religion curriculum by giving children assignments that promote family discussion of faith and moral life.
- Explain to non-Catholic parents the purpose and meaning of liturgical year or sacramental celebrations.
- Use the current religion course of study as part of planning each subject area – "planned integration."

College Bound Young Adults

 Identify young adults leaving home for college and present them with a care package with spiritual support, a local parish contact person and an invitation to return for the holidays with contact information. Invite them for a special blessing offered at a Mass before they leave. Acquire text or email info and send them encouragement during mid-terms, finals, birthdays and invitations to parish events and liturgies when they return home.

Back to Church Sunday

Designate a Sunday this fall as "Come and See" Sunday, for anyone who would like to observe and experience a Catholic liturgy. Ask parishioners to seek out Catholics who have left the church, inviting them to "come and see." Provide invitation cards to parishioners and/or enlist names and addresses and send the invitation in the name of the parish. Advertise around the neighborhood using fliers, invitations, posters, door hangers, etc.