

New Evangelization

Suggestions for Spring 2014



"I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities." Pope Francis - EVANGELII GAUDIUM

- 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 in the box below to
 schedule a workshop.
- Most Promising Practices new activities have been posted at www.archlou.org/evang from Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.
- Cardboard Ministry check out this
 YouTube created by St Gabriel.
 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lv0diE7
 z Aw&feature=youtu.be
- Be sure to check out <u>www.archlou.org/evang</u> for additional resources and training.

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(502) 585-3291 ext 1114 sdb@archlou.org www.archlou.org/evang Among Catholics who attend Mass at least once a month, those of the Millennial Generation are the most likely to observe Lenten practices (see graph at http://cara.georgetown.edu/caraservices/FRStats/devotion-practice.pdf). More than nine in ten of these Catholics abstain from meat on Fridays and receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. About three-quarters of these young adult Catholics also give up something during Lent. A similar percentage make other positive efforts during Lent as well. This can provide a great opportunity to step up our evangelization efforts with young adults.

Ash Wednesday Soup and Learn - After the Ash Wednesday evening service, invite young adults to a time of discussion. Provide meatless soup, bread, and drinks. The topics could include Catholic traditions, Lenten practices, or other topics of interest. Have available parish information regarding your website, Facebook page, etc.

Ash Wednesday Greeting Card - Equip greeters with a welcome card to be given out as people enter into the Church. Ask newcomers to fill out a card and ask those who are already members to give the card to someone who is new. List on the card a welcome message, contact numbers, Mass times, events of interest, and any other pertinent information.

Spring Cleaning - Invite parishioners to provide house cleaning for parishioners and/or neighbors who are homebound and unable to do so on their own.

Pentecost Celebration - Plan to have a pot luck celebration on Pentecost and have parishioners invite one person who hasn't been attending church. Provide invitation cards to parishioners and/or enlist names and addresses and send the invitation in the name of the parish. Advertise in your neighborhoods using flyers, invitations, posters, door hangers, etc.

Prayer - Young adults today enjoy the rites and rituals of tradition, tangible signs of the mystery of God. Consider offering Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers, Taize, or other prayer opportunity during Lent. Promote it via Twitter and Facebook.