



ST MARK THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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To whom it may concern,

I write this letter to endorse the good work of Evangelical Catholic to help bring missionary disciples to parishes throughout the United States.

My name is Fr. Jason Cargo and I am pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Plano, Texas. In 2020 while the pastor of St. Joseph Church in Richardson, Texas, I asked Evangelical Catholic to help us to equip and send parishioners to live out their call as missionary disciples. Their parish ministry of Reach More helped to re-energize the parish. Within 18 months, we had trained close to 100 parishioners through Reach More. About 50% of those trained were Spanish speaking and many were parents of young families. Small groups and special apostolates began to spring up around the parish. The best thing was the initiative was coming forth from the parishioners themselves.

One example comes from a lady who decided that her expertise in communications could be utilized in a unique way. After her Reach More training, she created an exhibit on the Eucharistic Miracles of Blessed Carlos Acutis. She organized a number of exhibitions and this exhibit has been seen by thousands of people at several parishes.

Last summer, just before I was transferred from St. Joseph, my staff and I engaged in a massive evangelization project of bringing the faith to people through neighborhood gatherings. We divided the parish into 60 or so neighborhoods. We assigned leaders to these neighborhoods to lead small groups. Many of these leaders were our trained missionary disciples through Reach More.

Their materials, their system of accountability and their timely coaching, gives the work of Evangelical Catholic a high rate of success. What is this success? Its to help parishioners to become missionary disciples. I believe that Evangelical Catholic's model of formation is able to activate and deepen any lay person into holiness and mission. I endorse their good work of evangelization within the Catholic Church and beyond.

Sincerely in Christ

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Pastor of St. Mark Catholic Church