



St Elizabeth Ann Seton
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Dear Fellow Parish Leaders and FOCUS Alumni,

As we continue pursuing a mission-oriented life, we need one another. Evangelizing today's world can feel daunting and we were not meant to live out the high call to discipleship all alone. At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, we have been blessed to partner with the Evangelical Catholic as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission. While the parish setting is radically different from campus life, working with the Evangelical Catholic has provided me with a clear vision and a new hope for empowering the laity to be missionaries in their little corners of the world.

The Reach More training groups provide engaging video content, lively group discussion, and practical skills, which parishioners are hungry to receive. The training also emphasizes the discernment of personal apostolate, giving each person time to pray and discern who the Lord is leading them to following the 12-week training group. Many diverse and fruitful apostolates have formed as a result of this freedom and intentional period of prayer. Perhaps the greatest gift has been to witness numerous parishioners learn for the first time that they *can* evangelize, and that evangelization happens most effectively in the context of relationships. Parishioners have taken great strides to accompany a few in their lives, sharing with them not only the Gospel of God, but their very selves (1 Thessalonians 2:8). My experience working with the Evangelical Catholic has been incredibly helpful and refreshing. If you are considering partnering with them, I highly encourage you to give your "yes" and watch what the Lord does for you and your community.

I know your heart for mission is steadily beating and that you have such zeal for souls! Please know that your missionary experience and attentiveness to forming disciples is so needed in your parish. I am confident that you will bear abundant fruit for the kingdom. May God bless you and your ministry!

Warmly,

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