



THE EVANGELICAL CATHOLIC

Building up the Body of Christ

A large, diverse crowd of people, mostly young adults, are shown from the chest up, filling the lower half of the page. They are all smiling and have their hands raised in the air, some with fingers spread, suggesting a moment of celebration or a large gathering. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the people in the foreground.

IMPACT REPORT

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Letter from the President



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We all know people in the world who are struggling against the undertow of this world. They have left the Church or never had the opportunity to live on the rock of faith in Jesus. Jesus felt gut-twisting compassion for these lost crowds in Matthew 9:35-38. He longed for more laborers to be sent into these fields that are zealous for the harvest.

We see a Catholic Church made up of millions of people, sitting in pews, waiting to be equipped as laborers to answer this ache in the heart of Jesus. For God's glory, we equip Catholics to live out this Great Commission in the world. As you can see in the numbers we track below, Catholics are eagerly responding as we urge parishes and campus ministries to implement our replicable Reach More training process to equip their laity for evangelization in the world.

2625

Number of Leaders 157 Ministry Partners Trained this year

78,750

Number of Hours of Leader Formation in Discipleship and Training for Evangelization (30 hrs per)

55,125

Number of Hours Leaders Spent in Prayer during Mission Training Groups (21 hrs per)

136,500 hours

reaching out to people in the world

Impact of Leaders' Personal Apostolates of Evangelization in the World



MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

Urged on by the Holy Spirit, The Evangelical Catholic started a movement to activate the Body of Christ for mission.

Since 1998, The Evangelical Catholic has reached thousands of people across the nation from Boston, to Florida, to South California, and to Alaska! The cultures of parishes, campuses, and dioceses have been shifting to become dynamic cultures of evangelization and discipleship.

Take a moment to rejoice with us by reading of all the ways people are coming alive in the joy of knowing Jesus!

In a post Training-Group survey, 69% of trained leaders indicated they planned to lead a small group as part of their personal apostolate

Since most of the leaders trained facilitate some type of small group, we have tracked data around participants in small groups. Within small groups, we have seen the following over time:

- 27% increased their participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 12% of people increased their Mass attendance (going more often weekly or daily)
- 12% increased how often they pray before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration
- 29% increased how frequently they spend 15 minutes in prayer
- 20% now pray 15 minutes every day or almost every day
- 94% of those in small groups pray a few times a week or more
- 80% pray every day
- 90% of small group participants consider Jesus to be a friend, companion, Lord, and Savior

Real Ministries. Real People. Real Results.

After completing a training group, leaders have discerned to reach out to the following:

26%

Fallen away Catholics

37%

Practicing Catholics

6%

Unbelievers

29%

unsure (1/3 of trained leaders will go on to define their personal apostolate through shepherding)

Trained leaders consider these as part of their personal apostolate:

29%

workplace

46%

Establishing Disciples

40%

Neighborhood

42%

Adult Family

29%

Family (Children in home)



Real life apostolates our trained Catholics have discerned



- A group for mothers of college-aged children to learn how to pray for, reach, and support their young adult children to know Jesus.
- An interdenominational group to connect and evangelize parents of preschool kids.
- Food bank volunteers evangelizing and praying with those who come to receive from the parish food pantry.
- Outreach to non-practicing/fallen away Catholics in a multi-national neighborhood.
- A nursing home apostolate where a leader prays with and for residents, shares their faith story, and helps residents become aware of God's call in their day to day life.
- A group of men meet to offer a weekly workout called "The Murph" for the spiritual conversion and growth for their families and friends.

- Parents reaching out to their prodigal adult children to witness the love of Jesus in a loving, grace-filled way.
- An apostolate to comfort grieving families with the hope and consolation of Jesus amidst darkness and sorrow.
- Intentional music ministry that brings prayer into rehearsals and evangelizes musicians in new ways.
- Youth-focused apostolates that bring a new vision for drawing them closer to Jesus and speaking openly about the goodness of God and his plan for their lives.
- A personal apostolate that reaches out to those in the community suffering from loneliness and isolation. The leader has learned to become more patient, a better listener, and growing in holy respect for others. They have allowed God to lead the relationship while being on the lookout to share personal faith experiences.
- An outreach to support and bring the good news of Jesus and the faithfulness of God to women experiencing infidelity in their relationships.

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