




SAINT PAUL

Evangelization Institute



BASIC EVANGELIZATION TRAINING

Participant Workbook



"A partial indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who, in the particular circumstances of daily life, voluntarily give explicit witness to their faith to others."

MANUAL OF INDULGENCES, APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY

BASIC EVANGELIZATION TRAINING - THIRD EDITION
©2013 ST. PAUL EVANGELIZATION INSTITUTE
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED
26256 RYAN ROAD
WARREN, MI 48091
ST. PAUL EVANGELIZATION MINISTRIES

What people are saying...

“I grew up going to Mass at [local Catholic Parish]. I know I should go. Seeing you here today has given me the courage to go back Mass. I’ll see you Sunday morning”.

— PERSON FROM THE STREET

“I love you guys, because I always saw Catholics as “non-evangelizing” I also saw evangelization as nothing more than scare tactics from Protestants. You’ve thrown both misconceptions out the window. Thank you.”

— A NEW CATHOLIC EVANGELIST

“God put you here today for me. I just got finished cussing out God and I know you are here because of what I did. I was about to commit suicide — everything in my life turned upside down on me — and I feel life is not worth living anymore.”

— PERSON FROM THE STREET

“Thank God you were here today. You were just what I needed to see. I have been struggling with going to Church and with my belief in God for a long time. You helped me restore my faith in God.”

— PERSON FROM THE STREET

“One of the new methods [of evangelization] I would like to recommend is the work of St. Paul Street Evangelization ... I, having personally participated in their work of street evangelization, enthusiastically endorse this group ... I encourage you to join me in offering your prayers and support for this organization.”

— MOST REVEREND ALLEN VIGNERON
ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT
SPSE EPISCOPAL ADVISER

“Street evangelism is as old as the gospel itself. The Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ were the first street preachers announcing the good news of salvation and the Church in the streets of the Roman Empire. This tradition was practiced by the great saints throughout history and is alive again and spreading across the globe. The faithful Catholics who make up St. Paul Street Evangelization live up to their name. Support them, follow them, join them!”

—STEVE RAY
SPSE BOARD OF ADVISERS
CATHOLIC WRITER, SPEAKER, AND APOLOGIST
CATHOLIC-CONVERT.COM

About St. Paul Evangelization Institute

“Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious...What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being the Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by man...he himself gives to all men life and breath and everything...In him we live and move and have our being.”

ST. PAUL PREACHES TO THE ATHENIANS (ACTS 17:22-28)

The **St. Paul Evangelization Institute** was founded in 2012 and exists to train, equip, and mobilize ordinary Catholic evangelists to do the extraordinary work of evangelization.

The St. Paul Evangelization Institute consists of St. Paul Street Evangelization, The St. Paul Society of Evangelists, and the St. Paul School of Evangelization.

Basic Evangelization

Training exists to train Catholics in the foundational principles and methods of Catholic evangelization. Those who want to start a street team, or just learn how to evangelize in parish ministry or everyday life will find it useful.

St. Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) is a grassroots, non-profit organization, dedicated to responding to the mandate of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations by taking the Catholic Faith to the streets. Christ's call



to evangelize was made to every Catholic Christian, and the Second Vatican Council reiterated this need, urging each of the baptized to bring the Gospel, found fully in the Catholic Church, to a culture that has largely reverted to paganism. As an on-the-street Catholic evangelization organization, St. Paul Street Evangelization provides an avenue for people to share the Person of Jesus Christ and the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith with a hungry culture.

The Evangelist's Prayer

WRITTEN BY FATHER CHARLIE FOX

Come, Holy Spirit!

Set our hearts on fire with zeal for the Gospel,
love for all people,
and the desire for their salvation.

Inspire us that we might proclaim the Gospel persuasively and with charity,
giving witness with our words and our lives.

Give us courage in proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus Christ,
and the truth, beauty, and goodness of our Catholic Faith.

We beg you also to open the hearts of all people,
helping them to know Your love and Your call
to the fullness of life in Your Church.

Through our holy patrons, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Paul,
we ask these graces for all Catholic evangelists, and we make this prayer
in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Session 1 ~ THE NEW EVANGELIZATION & THE MODERN WORLD

It is a serious thing...

It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare.

All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destinations.

It is in the light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics.

There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat.

But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.

Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses.

C.S. LEWIS, *THE WEIGHT OF GLORY*
(HARPERONE, 2001), PP. 45-46

“Lay people also fulfill their prophetic mission by evangelization, “that is, the proclamation of Christ by word and the testimony of life.” For lay people, “this evangelization . . . acquires a specific property and peculiar efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world.”

CCC 905

The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it: “All however must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks.” Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation: “So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

CCC 1816

Some Important Quotes Evangelization

“We wish to confirm once more that the task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church. Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize.”

POPE PAUL VI, *EVANGELII NUNTIANDI*, 14

God is opening before the Church the horizons of a humanity more fully prepared for the sowing of the Gospel. I sense that the moment has come to commit all of the Church’s energies to a new evangelization and to the mission ad gentes. No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples.”

POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II,
REDEMPTORIS MISSIO, 3

“It’s key that we Catholics, both clergy and laity, go out to meet the people,” This is “not only because her mission is to announce the Gospel, but because failing to do so harms us. ... A Church that limits herself to administering parish work, that lives enclosed within a community, experiences what someone in prison does: physical and mental atrophy.”

POPE FRANCIS

“Knowledge of the content of faith alone is never a substitute for the experience of a personal encounter with the Lord.”

POPE BENEDICT XVI,
AD LIMINA ADDRESS TO MEXICAN BISHOPS.

“The mission of proclaiming the word of God is the task of all of the disciples of Jesus Christ based on their baptism. No believer in Christ can feel dispensed from this responsibility.”

POPE BENEDICT XVI, *VERBUM DOMINI*

“Your great task in evangelization is therefore to propose a personal relationship with Christ as key to complete fulfillment”

POPE BENEDICT XVI

“Evangelization is at the heart of the mission of the church. Evangelization is not something the church does alongside other things. Really, everything the church does, whether it is proclaiming or teaching the word, celebrating the sacraments or engaging in works of charity and education, everything is a proclamation of Christ. Everything should converge on helping the people of our times to open their hearts to Christ and to the gospel and...to let that become who they are, how they think, what they do.”

BISHOP WILLIAM LORI

“Faith is always personal but never private. And it involves more than prayer at home and Mass on Sunday—although these things are vitally important. Real faith always bears fruit in public witness and public action. Otherwise it’s just empty words.”

ARCHBISHOP CHARLES CHAPUT

The 4 Great Questions

The study of Christian theology begins with philosophy because it is the common ground on which all humanity seeks meaning. It allows Christians to show that our faith is reasonable and logical. Faith separated from reason devolves into violence. Reason separated from faith devolves into insanity.

Our work as evangelists begins by befriending others and showing them Christian charity. When we proclaim the Gospel we do so first by finding common ground just as St. Paul did in the Acts 17 with the Stoic philosophers. He pointed first to what they already knew and believed in order to share with them about Jesus, whom they did not know.

What is that? A Question of Reality
(Metaphysics)

Why is that? A Question of Truth
(Epistemology)

Who am I? A Question of Identity
(Anthropology)

How Shall I live? A Question of Ethics
(Ethics)

What is evangelization?

The word evangelize (*euangelizo*) means is “to proclaim.” An evangelist proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ’s victory over sin and death and the possibility of eternal salvation instead of eternal damnation. An evangelist seeks to announce the Gospel of the Lord in word and the testimony of their life in order to make disciples. We have received grace, mercy, and forgiveness — how can we keep that message from others?

Evangelization is the proclamation of Jesus Christ.

“There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed. The history of the Church, from the discourse of Peter on the morning of Pentecost onwards, has been intermingled and identified with the history of this proclamation. At every new phase of human history, the Church, constantly gripped by the desire to evangelize, has but one preoccupation: whom to send to proclaim the mystery of Jesus? In what way is this mystery to be proclaimed? How can one ensure that it will resound and reach all those who should hear it? This proclamation — kerygma, preaching or catechesis — occupies such an important place in evangelization that it has often become synonymous with it; and yet it is only one aspect of evangelization.” (PAUL VI, EN 22)

Evangelization is the proclamation of the kingdom.

According to Pope Paul VI:

“As an evangelizer, Christ first of all proclaims a kingdom, the kingdom of God; and this is so important that, by comparison, everything else becomes “the rest,” which is “given in addition.” Only the kingdom therefore is absolute and it makes everything else relative. The Lord will delight in describing in many ways the happiness of belonging to this kingdom (a paradoxical happiness which is made up of things that the world rejects), the demands of the kingdom and its Magna Carta, the heralds of the kingdom, its mysteries, its children, the vigilance and fidelity demanded of whoever awaits its definitive coming.” (PAUL VI, EN 8)

Evangelization is the proclamation of salvation.

*“As the kernel and center of His Good News, Christ proclaims salvation, this great gift of God which is **liberation from everything that oppresses man but which is above all liberation from sin and the Evil One, in the joy of knowing God and being known by Him, of seeing Him, and of being given over to Him.** All of this is begun during the life of Christ and definitively accomplished by His death and resurrection. But it must be patiently carried on during the course of history, in order to be realized fully on the day of the final coming of Christ, whose date is known to no one except the Father.” (PAUL VI, EN 9)*

Evangelization is the proclamation of grace & mercy.

*This kingdom and this salvation, which are the key words of Jesus Christ’s evangelization, are available to every human being as grace and mercy, and yet at the same time each individual must gain them by force — they belong to the violent, says the Lord, through toil and suffering, through a life lived according to the Gospel, through abnegation and the cross, through the spirit of the beatitudes. **But above all each individual gains them through a total interior renewal which the Gospel calls metanoia; it is a radical conversion, a profound change of mind and heart.** (PAUL VI, EN 10)*

Evangelization is the proclamation of authenticity.

“For the Church, the first means of evangelization is the witness of an authentically Christian life, given over to God in a communion that nothing should destroy and at the same time given to one’s neighbor with limitless zeal. As we said recently to a group of lay people, “Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.” St. Peter expressed this well when he held up the example of a reverent and chaste life that wins over even without a word those who refuse to obey the word.” (PAUL VI, EN 41)

Exercise 1 ~ BUILDING TRUST

Questions to Break the Ice

If this is your first time gathering in your small groups, introduce yourselves. Here are some questions you can talk about to help you find common ground.

1. What is your name?
2. Where do you live?
3. Do you have any children?
4. Have you traveled anywhere interesting?
5. What are your hobbies?
6. What are your favorite sports?
7. What do you do for a living (or want to do for a living).

And to help get us on track for the task at hand, here are your first small group questions:

1. What brought you to this workshop today?
2. Have you had any experiences sharing your faith before?
3. Do you have anyone in mind you want to evangelize?
4. Why do you think Catholics have a fear of sharing their faith with others?
5. What are some ways we can overcome that fear?

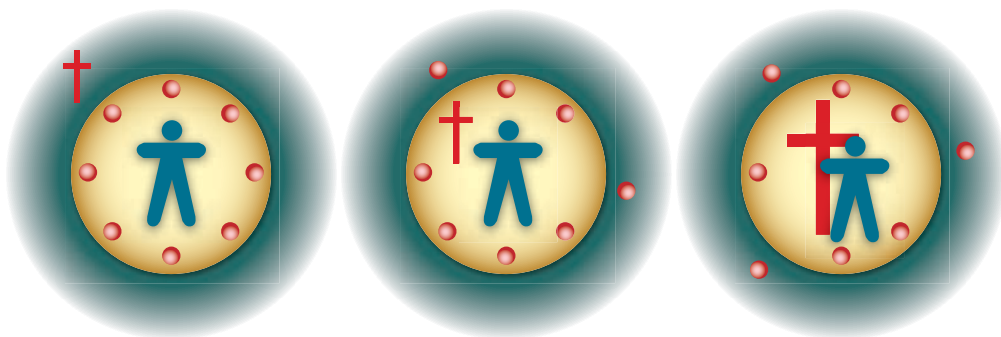
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

*Every morning
prepare your soul for a tranquil day.*

Session & Exercise 2 ~ JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Questionnaire

1. Were you raised in a Christian or non-Christian home?
2. How did your family practice their faith, if they did?
3. Was there a time in your life where you felt far away from God? (That time might be right now.)
Did something cause you to turn away from God?
4. Identify a time in your life where you were curious about God and open to God's grace for you.
How would you describe that experience?



5. Describe a time in your life where you realized you needed to turn back to God.
What prompted that?

6. Is there a time in your life when being close to God helped you to overcome sin?
What was that like?

7. How would you describe your relationship with God right now?
Where would you fit on the relationship diagram on the first page?

8. Are you where you want to be in your relationship with God? If not, how can you get there?
What steps do you need to take?

G. K. CHESTERTON

*The Catholic Church is the only thing
that frees a man from the degrading slavery
of being a child of his age.*

Prayer of Consecration

God our Father, I believe that you created me out of love. In a thousand ways I have sinned against you. I repent of all of my sins. Please forgive me.

Thank you for sending your Son to die for me, to save me from hell. I choose this day to renew my covenant with you and to place Jesus at the center of my heart. I surrender to Him as Lord over my whole life.

I ask you now to flood my heart and soul with your Holy Spirit and to grant me the gift of new life. Give me the grace and courage to live as a missionary disciple for the rest of my days. Amen.

Traditional

“O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your sacred heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all the apostles of prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.”

Session 3 ~ CONVERSATION STARTERS

Usually, the first step in evangelization is to get to know a person and earn the right to be heard. This goes beyond getting to know their name, where they work, about their family, where they are from, or what their hobbies and sports interests are. It means getting to know where they are in their relationship with God.

Here are some great ice breaker questions that can open up a conversation without the person getting defensive or making them feel like they are the victim of a religious sales pitch:

1. **Offer a sacramental:** “I have a gift for you, this is a miraculous medal.”

A sacramental is a tangible reminder of God’s love for them and a connection of trust with the Catholic Church. This could be a miraculous medal, rosary, holy water, or some other sacramental. Non-Catholics can receive sacramentals and use devotions associated with sacramental such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

2. **Listen to their story:** “How would you describe your relationship with God?”

This is a non-threatening question that doesn’t assume their relationship with God is in a bad place. You just want to know more about them and their faith. You can’t challenge them to take the next step until you find common ground.

3. **Make an invitation:** “Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic before?”

People are often very open to sharing their opinion on the Catholic faith and learning more. This is a perfect non-confrontational question that easily leads to an invitation to join you for an event at your parish.

4. **Throw Down a Challenge:** “Can I give you one great reason I choose to be Catholic?”

People don’t want to hear a sales pitch, but they do want to hear a good story.

5. **Pray:** “Would it be okay if I said a prayer for you right now?”

People loved to be prayed for. Pray in such a way that they would feel comfortable praying.

The Content of the Good News

*“But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?
And how are they to hear without a preacher?”*

— ROMANS 10:14

The proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the reason for our evangelization. This is the heart of the work and world of the evangelist. Catholic street evangelists, together with all Catholics make this proclamation every day at Mass when we speak aloud the Nicene and Apostles Creeds. The creeds are two trustworthy and useful forms of the *kerygma*.

Yet, the *kerygma* is not a talk or a class or a theological reflection, but a vibrant and valiant proclamation by someone filled with the Holy Spirit that moves the heart of the listener to respond in faith.

Essential Elements of the Good News

What is the *kerygma*? Many Protestant evangelicals have a formula of 4 or 5 steps that constitute the essential elements of the *kerygma*. This is sometimes called the Romans Road to Salvation. If you “google” “Romans Road to Salvation” you will find that even among the first few returns a wide variety in how Protestants present the Gospel. Here is one example:

1. All Have Sinned. ROMANS 3:10
2. There is a Penalty for Sin. ROMANS 6:23
3. Jesus Died, Was Buried, And Rose Three Days Later. Christ died for our sins!
ROMANS 5:8
4. Call Upon the Lord Jesus to Be Saved.
ROMANS 10:13

Since Protestants draw the steps of the *kerygma* from Sacred Scripture it is not surprising the our Catholic formulations are not all that different — the Bible is, after all, a Catholic book. The scripture passage at the beginning of this session is often considered the first *kerygma* by given to us from the mouth of Jesus. While the presentation of the proclamation can vary, there are some essential attributes among the first of which is that the proclamation is Trinitarian. God creates in love, redeems in love, and sanctifies in love.

The *kerygma* should include several essential attributes:

1. It should maintain a focus on the person of Jesus Christ (CF. RM, 16);
2. It should be rooted in the Word of God (CF. EN, 79);
3. It should include a call to repentance and conversion (CF. RM 46; MK 1:5);
4. It should be simple, clear, and direct (CF. EN, 43);
5. It should contain a personal testimony (CF. EN, 46); and
6. It should boldly preach the truth (En, 79).

How to Share the Kerygma: THE 4 SPIRITUAL LAWS

1. **The Plan: God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life.**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. JOHN 3:16

Most people live out their lives in turmoil, always looking for more. This is because of:

2. **The Bad News: Mankind is separated from God because of sin, and sin leads to hell.**

St. Paul tells us that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...the wages of sin is death.” ROMANS 3:23, 6:23

We were created to have a peaceful relationship with God, but instead we are born broken and sinful. We live self-centered lives. Without a relationship with God we will experience eternal death in hell. If you died tonight would you go to hell?

3. **The Good News: Jesus Christ became man, died for our sins, and rose again so that we can know and experience God’s love and plan for our life.**

“God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.” ROMANS 5:8

Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to Peter, the 12 apostles, and more than 500 witnesses. He is the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father, except by Jesus Christ. (c.f. John 14:6)

4. **The Invitation: We must receive Christ in faith for our salvation. Christ established the Church as the normal means to receive God’s grace.**

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.” EPHESIANS 2:8

Jesus does not want just a part of our heart, but wants us to surrender ourselves to his love.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” REVELATION 3:20

When we make an act of the will and receive him in faith he gives us His very life, called grace. He calls us to conversion, to repent of our sins, to be baptized, and experience being born again (MARK 1:15). He calls us to receive the fullness of his life. If you would like, we can pray right now.

Use the prayer of consecration, or make an invitation for follow up (encounter series, small groups, confession, or Mass).

Exercise 3 ~ SHARING THE GREAT STORY

Your presenter may have you do one of two exercises:

1. In your small groups, share a time when you were able to evangelize someone else by sharing the story of salvation. How did they react to hearing the story?
2. In no more than 2 minutes, explain the story of Jesus to someone else in the room.

ST. BRUNO

While the world changes, the cross stands firm.

Session 4 ~ HOW TO SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY

Questions to Help You Consider the Content of Your Testimony

Reflect on some or all of these questions to help you identify the “wonderful works of God” in your life:

In General:

- ✿ What prompted me to respond to God’s grace?
- ✿ How have I found joy in the Lord and in his Church?
- ✿ When have I experienced the peace which surpasses understanding (through the Church)?
- ✿ How have I experienced my heart being softened by Jesus (through his Church)?
- ✿ How has my mind been changed by Christ and the Church?
- ✿ How have I grown in virtue through Jesus and the Church?
- ✿ What other blessings have I received from the Lord and his Church?
- ✿ What difference has the Holy Spirit made in my life?
- ✿ How have I loved those who are difficult for me to love?
- ✿ What are some things I am thankful to God for (to his Church for)?

My life before Christ:

- ✿ Where you raised in a Christian or a non-Christian home?
- ✿ If you were Catholic, did your family practice their faith?
- ✿ What problems did you experience apart from God? Were you consumed by possessions, lonely, driven by fear, suicidal, abuse drugs or alcohol?
- ✿ What sins and vices did you struggle with? (Gluttony, lust, greed, pride, despair, anger, vanity, sloth, etc)
- ✿ Did you know that God loved you? Was there a time you felt close to God?
- ✿ Was there a time or circumstance in your life that caused you to turn away from God?

My Life When Jesus Broke In:

- ✿ Did you realize you were empty or hurting in some way and needed healing?
- ✿ Did you find yourself wondering about God’s existence or feel that there must be something more to life?
- ✿ Did you experience a miracle or have God break into your life in a way that you knew was real?
- ✿ Was there one big event or a series of smaller events that changed you?
- ✿ Did you read a book, listen to a friend, or go to a church that had an effect on you?
- ✿ Did death, illness, or some other calamity cause you to seek God more?

After I decided to follow Jesus:

- ✿ What fruit have you experienced in your life? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control?
- ✿ What are the sources of hope, healing, and life for you now?
- ✿ Are you free from your past sins, illnesses, addictions, or other vices? If not yet, are you seeing progress and a turn towards virtue?
- ✿ Have you been able to forgive others and those who have done wrong to you?
- ✿ Do you see your prayer life and your desire to spend more time with God growing within yourself?
- ✿ Do you have a stronger desire to serve others?
- ✿ How do you see God at work in your life now?

When you share your testimony, if there are dramatic examples of sin in your life, speak of them in general ways. You want to avoid shocking others so that their mind lingers on the sins that you committed in the past instead of God's grace in your life. Your group coach can assist you in this process.

What to Do:

- ✿ Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you to say only that which he wants you to say.
- ✿ Speak clearly and make eye contact.
- ✿ Speak directly to the person you are evangelizing, not to other people or team members

that you are evangelizing with. It is very easy to unconsciously default to speaking towards those you are most familiar with.

- ✿ Practice your testimony. It will make you more confident when it comes time to share the wonderful works God has done in your life with others.
- ✿ Be brief. Generally you do not want to share a testimony that is longer than 2-3 minutes, unless you are giving a presentation to a room of people and they know to expect a longer explanation.
- ✿ Know what you are going to say and what you want the person you are evangelizing to get out of your testimony.

A possible outline could be:

- ✿ Begin with an interesting story.
- ✿ Describe your early faith life, to the degree that you were distant from, or not as close as you are now, to God and the Catholic Church.
- ✿ Tell the story of how and why this changed, perhaps gradually or suddenly, in your life.
- ✿ Explain what difference a relationship with Jesus and the Catholic Church has made in your life.
- ✿ Conclude with a thought-provoking comment, question, or loving challenge to those present. You could ask "Doesn't that kind of peace sound like something you want in your own life?"
- ✿ Allow those you meet to see your joy in the Lord and your love for his Church.

What to Avoid

- ✦ Do not give a biography of your life; although it is important to you. In a testimony only that which is relevant to how you came to love Jesus and his Church should be included, so every detail you include must in some way serve this purpose.
- ✦ Do not use Catholic terminology or phrases that would be unfamiliar to inquirers and participants. As Catholics we speak “Catholicese”, but don’t assume others know that the Trinity, Blessed Mother Eucharist, Adoration, or Real Presence are. If you must use a Catholic term, define it first.
- ✦ Do not exaggerate elements of your story, or downplay things out of a false sense of humility. Be authentic!
- ✦ Do not be negative about other people or other religious organizations; a testimony is about hope and your thankfulness for God’s mercies. If you became Catholic and left the Baptist denomination, you can still speak of the good things you remember from your time as a Baptist.
- ✦ Do not read your testimony from a pre-written text; this is your story, to simply be told from the heart.
- ✦ Do not be afraid; the focus is not on you, but on the works of God in your life.



Shorten your testimony to 3 main points.

What was your life like before Christ:

How did Jesus change your life?

What is your life like now?

When coming up to give your testimony you may not use any notes. You may look at your bullet points if you need to, but try to speak from your heart. You know your story — be confident! You will practice with a partner before sharing with the group.

Exercise 5 ~ ROLE PLAYING

Pick one of these archetypes as a group, pick 2 volunteers to role play a short 2-3 minute scenario where you evangelize that person.

1. **Fundamentalist Freddie** — “I’m a born again Christian.” “Catholics worship statues.”
2. **Atheist Annie** — “I believe in science, not religion. Religion is a fairy tale.”
3. **Hedonist Henry** — “I don’t need that Jesus stuff. I’m just fine the way I am.”
4. **Relativist Rick** — “Why can’t you just leave people alone? Everyone is free to believe whatever they want.”
5. **Protesting Polly** — “The Catholic Church is evil. It preys on children and should sell everything it owns and give it to the poor.”
6. **Lukewarm Lisa** — “I’m a pretty good person and I think I’ll go to heaven.”
7. **Lapsed-Catholic Luke** — “I went to 12 years of Catholic schools so I know everything Catholics believe. I quit going to church.”
8. **Despairing David** — “I’m just going to stand here and not say much.”
9. **Baptist Bob** — “Catholics, Mormons, and Jehovah’s Witnesses are all Cults.”
10. **Wounded Warren** — “I love Jesus, but you know, right now I just really wonder if he is there. My child is sick and the doctors can’t figure out what is wrong, and I don’t know where my next meal will come from. I can’t find a job.”
11. **Wounded Wendy** — “How can you claim that God is real? If only you knew the suffering I have been through. God would never allow that.”
12. **Non-Denominational Nathan** — “As long as we believe in Jesus and the Bible, we are all the same.”
13. **Suspicious Sally** — “I’m a Catholic, and Catholics aren’t supposed to do this. This is going to turn people off from the faith. You evangelize by the way you live your life.”
14. **Rolling Eyes Rick** — “I’m not a Catholic, I am a Christian.”
15. **Spiritual Samantha** — “I’m spiritual, not religious.”
16. **Millennial Mike** — “I don’t care about religious stuff. I have no interest in God or what you’re selling. I’ve heard it before.”

Session & Exercise 6 ~ PRAYING OUT LOUD

Acts

(Basic Prayer Method)

1. Adoration
2. Contrition
3. Thanksgiving
4. Supplication

Prayer Interview

(Advanced Prayer Method)

1. Interview (What would you like prayer for today)
2. Prayer Selection (Intercessory Prayer or Prayers of Command)
3. Re-Interview (How are you doing?)
4. Proclamation & Invitation

Working in prayer groups of three to five, everyone will be responsible for praying for someone else in this next exercise. Go around in your group and introduce yourselves if you need to (the question stack!) and then share prayer requests. Remember the different types of prayer (ACTS). Ask someone to lead your group in prayer to open things up and then pray for one another. Take your time, really speak from your heart.

ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

*My Jesus, fill my heart with so much love
that one day it will break just to be with you.*



ET VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST
ET HABITAVIT IN NOBIS;
ET VIDIMUS GLORIAM EIUS,
GLORIAM QUASI UNIGENITI A PATRE,
PLENUM GRATIAE ET VERITATIS

JOHN 1:14

SPSE Code of Conduct Form

In taking part in the activities of St. Paul Street Evangelization, I hereby affirm that:

1. I am a Catholic in good standing.
2. In word and witness, I will promote active assent to all the teachings of the Church, as declared by the current Catechism of the Catholic Church.
3. I do not formally cooperate with groups promoting active or passive dissent from the teachings of the Catholic Church, nor will I promote active or passive dissent from the teachings of the Catholic Church.
4. My lifestyle does not constitute grave, manifest scandal.
5. I will cooperate with all legal and canonical authorities.
6. I will conduct myself with Christian charity, cultivating peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control; while rejecting hatred, strife, anger, dissension, and factions (cf. GAL 5:20-23).

NAME

DATE

ST. JOHN BOSCO

*All of my work began with a simple Hail Mary
for Our Lady's Help.*

Sustaining Partnership

**Become a sustaining partner of
The St. Paul Evangelization Institute**
www.streetevangelization.com/donate/



SAINT PAUL
Evangelization Institute

Similar organizations charge local chapters \$500 annually, but St. Paul Street Evangelization supports its local chapters for free. Because of this, we need many Catholics to give a little each month. Help us take the Catholic faith to the streets by signing up as a supporting member!

Sustaining Partners pledge a small monthly donation to help fund our apostolate on the national and international levels. As our thanks to you, you get full access to:

- ✿ Our training website and certification courses, which update monthly;
- ✿ Recordings of live trainings filmed during conferences;
- ✿ All of our pamphlets in PDF format for you to print out and distribute at no charge; and
- ✿ Any other resources given to our team leaders around the world.

Your contributions will be well spent. Pray that our world be converted to Christ and His Church.

Partner Name: _____

Chapter Name (if applicable) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Monthly Pledge Amount: \$10 \$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

Yearly Pledge Amount: \$120 \$180 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other \$ _____

One Time Gift Amount: \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other \$ _____

Visa

Name as it appears on card: _____

Mastercard

Card Number:

Expiration Date: /

Security Code:

Cardholder Signature: _____

Mail form to: St. Paul Street Evangelization
26256 Ryan Road
Warren, MI 48091



SAINT PAUL

Evangelization Institute

26256 Ryan Road • Warren, MI 48091 • (657) 777-2963

StreetEvangelization.com