If approved, your team will get a pin on our Locations page signifying that your team is 'In Development,' and you will have your own website that allows you to add members to your team, schedule outings and share stories from the street!

# **Setup for Success**

In the weeks to come, we'll help you to build & train your team, and teach you how to use your website at our virtual onboarding webinar. You'll also have the opportunity to schedule a Street Ready Evangelization Call where new team leaders can talk with an experienced evangelist and receive coaching in the four basic skills of evangelization, which are:

- Proclaiming the Gospel message
- Praying out loud for someone
- Sharing your personal testimony
- Directing a conversation of faith



# **Types of Street Evangelization Teams**

After completing the steps above, your team will go from 'In Development' to one of the following types of team:

- Individual: This is a team that evangelizes in their community. They are not associated with a parish or school. Most SPSE teams are individual teams.
- Parish: This is a team that works as a ministry in a parish. They have approval from the pastor and often recruit and train people from the parish to join them. Oftentimes they evangelize at parish events and local festivals in order to bring people into the parish.
- University: This is a team that is normally run by students at their university. They work closely with the Catholic organization or Newman center on campus and invite students who want to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic Church to join them for Mass, Bible studies, and other events.

## **Ongoing Support**

After your team is established and active, we'll still be there to support you in a variety of ways:

- Our Evangelization School is always releasing new courses to help you become a better formed evangelist.
- Our Team Leader Homepage has a number of resources to help you grow and better form your team.
- Plenty of fellowship opportunities including 'The Latest Buzz,' a monthly virtual gathering of team leaders where we share the latest news in our apostolate as well as our successes, challenges, and prayer requests.

To learn more and to apply to be a team leader visit: **streetevangelization.com/get-involved** 

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

2 Timothy 4:1-5

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# Start a Team!





Thank you for your interest in St. Paul Street Evange-lization! This pamphlet outlines why Catholics need to publicly share their faith and how they can start their own street evangelization team.

# **A Big Problem**

Many of us can see that our world is dying, but did you know that no grace comes into the world from Jesus Christ except by means of the Catholic Church? This is because the Lord chooses to associate his body, the Church, with all of his redeeming work. We shouldn't be surprised, then, by all the corruption, violence, sexual immorality, division, and lack of love in the world today. The fact of the matter is that most of us Catholics aren't as holy as we should be, and many times we fail to be the instruments of salvation that the Holy Spirit calls us to be.



### What's the answer?

It's simple. We have to make Jesus Christ the center of our lives and strive to be more holy. How can we be more holy? Many of us used to answer that question by saying that to be more holy is to pray more, to receive the sacraments more, and to avoid bad behaviors. Yes, that's true, and is very important if we want to strengthen our relationship with Jesus, but what about loving one another as Jesus loved us?

St. Robert Bellarmine said that "on the last day, when the general examination takes place, love will be the whole syllabus." His words reflect those of St. Paul when he said that without love we're nothing more than a clanging cymbal (1 Corinthians 13:1). So, how does Jesus want us to love each other? To love someone like Jesus is to desire their good, and to make sacrifices for them to attain it. The greatest good is Heaven because union with God for all eternity is the only thing that will ultimately satisfy us. Every other good thing is secondary (Matthew 6:33).

#### Salvation

In order for anyone to go to heaven, they need to be evangelized in some way. Consider what St. Paul wrote in the book of Romans:

For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:13-15a, 17)

This is why every baptized Catholic is obliged to evangelize. In fact, our own salvation depends on it. This makes perfect sense if you think about it. How can we go to a place of perfect love if we neglect to tell our neighbor about the only person that can save them?

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. Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation. CCC 1816

# **About St. Paul Street Evangelization**

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 desperately needs it.



#### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to work with God for the salvation of souls through the proclamation of the Gospel in the public square.

- •We train, equip, and mobilize Catholic disciples for the urgent work of evangelization.
- •We train Catholics to share their faith in our evangelization school.
- •We equip Catholics by offering rosaries, medals, holy cards, pamphlets, and other resources at discounted prices in our online store.
- We mobilize Catholics by helping them to find or start a street evangelization team in their area.

#### Our Method

Our goal is to directly evangelize the people we meet by building a relationship of trust, and then encouraging them to believe in and follow Jesus.

We bring rosaries, medals, pamphlets, and other materials to street corners, market places, festivals, and other public places in hopes of having one-on-one conversations with the people we meet.

We begin encounters by offering people a free sacramental, and then evangelize those who accept our gift using our four-step method of Listen, Befriend, Proclaim & Invite.

Finally, we recognize that the Holy Spirit is the principal agent in evangelization, so prayer is a must. We pray that the Holy Spirit gives us the right words to say, and that He'll work in the hearts of the people we encounter.

## **Starting a Team**

The first step in leading your own team is to register for our school at evangelizationschool.com. Partnership levels begin at \$15 per month. Begin your training with our Introduction to Evangelization video course to learn our tried and true method of street evangelization. Partners receive:

- Access to all of our courses
- •Our Catholic audio apologetics page
- •Message board forum
- Free ebooks
- Much more!

After enrolling in our school, the next steps to becoming a team leader are to 1) fill out our Team Leader application, 2) have a friend fill out a faith reference on your behalf, and 3) talk with our Director to make sure that you're a good fit for our apostolate.