



Essential Evangelization

Dreams and Visions

One of our parish's "Evangelizing" initiatives for the staff and lay leadership is to read the book, "*Dreams and Visions*," by Bill Huebsch. It is an extraordinary book that has a unique parish plan for making good parishes GREAT. Here is one excerpt,

"No one who has a powerful, initial encounter with Christ can long sustain his or her faith without the support of community. Christ is encountered in *community*, not alone. He has chosen to make himself present to us when two or three are gathered, when we join hearts and hands in service together. Because the encounter is a shared experience, the support needed to sustain it must include some shared experiences as well.

For most people, the encounter with Christ is the result of their decision to talk about their own lives and the faith dimension of them. It is in sharing faith that the heart seems most open to the Spirit. One of the mysteries of our faith is that God has always spoken to us *as a people*. Private revelation is rare. Hence, there is a great need within parish life to have adult faith gatherings for support and sustenance.

God is working within us already. The grace of Christ is present. When we become aware of this through prayer, reflection, or insight, sharing it with others *leads us to see it more clearly ourselves*. It is *personal* but not *private*."

Do you "share" your *personal* faith?

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