



Essential Evangelization

Evangelizing 101

Not Being Fed? It is a well documented fact that there has been a significant loss of Catholics in recent years to the so called non-denominational “seeker” mega churches. A common response from these “seekers” is that they are “not being fed.” If examined further however, the truth of the matter is that they are very likely more interested in being entertained during Sunday services. It is also very likely that these same people did not fully appreciate or take full advantage of the very sacred sacraments that Jesus gave uniquely to us, such as the very energizing power of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist at Mass and the very liberating and life changing Sacrament of Reconciliation. A recent survey showed that 45% of Catholics never go to the Sacrament of Confession – that is very sad.

Jesus said, “Amen, Amen I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day”... As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?”

John, Chapter 6

One thing we can learn from these seeker churches however is that they are very welcoming. A recent benchmark of one of our neighboring mega churches found over 800 different On Line groups one could join to connect with other like-minded potential Christian friends. If you do not belong to one of our current St. Thomas a’ Becket ministries or Commissions, or are not attending one of our many current faith formation programs, you could be very well missing out on a very unique and fulfilling aspect of living your Catholic faith to the fullest and also missing some great opportunities to connect in friendship and fellowship. Or maybe God is calling you to a very unique ministry currently on your heart but not yet formed in our parish? Perhaps you need to answer that call?

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