



## *Essential Evangelization*

### **Heaven's List of Names**

The Gospel message today is all about evangelization techniques and ultimately faith. Jesus sent out 72 of his disciples in pairs to evangelize the neighboring towns. These very disciples were able to cast out demons and save souls in the process! Jesus proclaimed, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few... I am sending you like lambs among wolves." We can take a lesson from this example. If you are trying to be a lone evangelist, you may be fighting a hard and losing battle. It is also very difficult to be an "evangelist" in your own home and neighborhood. They even drove Jesus out of his own town, because they knew him as the son of the carpenter! And did you ever wonder why Jehovah Witnesses go out in two's, and not in their own neighborhoods!

The fact is, we cannot be a lone ranger in our faith. We need to be a part of our Church to be effective. There are many great opportunities at our very own St. Thomas a Becket to be evangelized and to be evangelizers. Check out the Chancellor for the many opportunities to get involved with your faith.

And even if you are not a Billy Graham, or better yet, a John Paul II, take heart. The punch line from Jesus in this "evangelization" Gospel message is even better. It goes back to our depth of simple faith. In fact, St. Paul gives us a great example of his very own faith in the second reading when he says, "May I never boast except in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ!"

Jesus' punch line in this Gospel story is the very and basic importance of our faith. He proclaim's, "Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Because the disciples stepped out of their comfort zone in faith they were saved! Have faith and watch miracles happen. Is your name written in heaven?

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