



Essential Evangelization

Turning Tables and Tears

Men - take a look around any Catholic Church today at Mass, Devotions, Rosaries, Missions, Retreats and who are filling the pews along with Church staff leadership positions? Women. Thank God for our Catholic women of faith in our Church and in our families!

Men, in their pursuit of other less lofty pursuits and distractions, now find their importance in business, sports, cars, finances, hobbies, computers, TV's, blackberries, iPods and iPhones and all the latest gadgets chasing the American Dream. We have lost our spiritual depth. Try to find a book section on Male Spirituality in the Barnes and Noble or Borders? There are none. But you can find literally 100's of other topics to appeal to men's fancy. Society also is very good at drumming the message of self-sufficiency, independence and the thought that we can do it all on our own. With all of the distractions, no wonder men have generally lost their God "compass" and lack a life of spirituality and prayer.

The late 80s and 90s brought us Promise Keepers and other movements to challenge men to become the spiritual leaders of their families, but this movement has waned in recent years. Perhaps we have gravitated back to our upbringing of the typical father example who was the family provider, but was largely disconnected and distant from true family intimacy.

There are a couple of upcoming opportunities to gather with other men of faith - please see the Chancellor article entitled Men's Fellowship for these opportunities and take that first step.

Jesus was a man for all men. He got angry and turned over tables with a whip, he cried on more than one occasion, and he faced courageously most likely the cruellest death ever devised by Satan. Men - take the challenge to fall in love with Jesus today and your life will never be the same! We really do need Him. Take the first step!!!

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