



Essential Evangelization

Happy Birthday Family!

Today is Pentecost Sunday – Happy Birthday Church! It is the feast of that amazing day the Apostles of Jesus received His Holy Spirit and were no longer afraid to “Get Out There” and evangelize their world. Did you know that we too can be evangelizers by utilizing His Spirit’s gifts to evangelize our faith family, His Church? But just as the apostles could not do it without the power of His Holy Spirit, we too need His amazing grace to tap our gifts to do His will. His Holy Spirit can be energized by a life of prayer and holiness - a close relationship with Him. With His Holy Spirit, we too can be salt and light to a dying world that is “living in the flesh”. Members of our own faith family lack an eternal plan for their lives and the voices of Satan are everywhere.

Did you know that our Catholic family is the largest Christian denomination in the United States numbering 68 million? Southern Baptists are next with about 16 million and United Methodists come in third with about 8 million. But there is another “lost” denomination out there – 30 million Catholics who have left the faith in the last 30 years. This 30 million group is larger than the top five non-Catholic Christian denominations combined! Who are they? Where are they? Have they joined another Church because they want to be entertained on Sunday, or are they disappointed with God for a lost loved one or a broken family? Or are they just plain too lazy to get up on Sunday morning or have better and more important things to do on their day off?

Are they are our friends, family or neighbors? It is time they come back home to the Truth. With His Spirit YOU can lead the way to the One who is the Way. We all need to be family again!

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
John 20: 21*

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