



Essential Evangelization

THANKFULNESS

Isn't Thanksgiving a great holiday! Ideally, it is simply spending time with family over a meal and counting our blessings. No frantic last minute gift buying or running around decorating the house. As American Catholics, we have at least these top 12 reasons to be THANKFUL on Thanksgiving:

T - We have the **T**en Commandments to keep us on the right road and to guide us to a more fulfilling and joy filled spiritual life.

H - We have the **H**oly Spirit who grants us special unique gifts in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A - And the **A**ngels and Saints to be our advocates and protectors.

N - Not only do we have God's Word in the Old Testament, but the fulfillment of the Word in Jesus in the **N**ew Testament.

K - Jesus Christ gave us the **K**ey to the kingdom via our first Pope, Peter upon which our Catholic Church was founded.

F - **F**aith; we only need this simple gift to obtain eternal life. No amount of good works can erase our sins, only faith in Him who died for us.

U - Not only do we have a personal relationship with Jesus, but we are also **U**nited with each other in our worship via our Catholic community.

L - **L**ife: we defend it in all human forms from the womb to the grave.

N - We have a wonderful **N**ation in which to practice our Catholic faith freely and without reservation. A nation who brought us Thanksgiving!

E - We have the **E**ucharist, the True Presence of Christ, as instituted by Christ at the last supper. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

S - We have the 7 **S**acraments, including Baptism, where we are first clothed with Christ, and the forgiveness of sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

S - Finally, we have the holy **S**acrifice of the Mass, also instituted by Christ, and a true celebration of His True Presence: another unique gift from God to us!

Isn't it great to be Catholic! Happy Thanksgiving to You and Your Family from the Evangelization Commission!!!

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