

Bite Size Evangelisation through Cells

**'Go out to the whole world and
proclaim the good news'**
Mark 16 v 16

Why do the Cells focus on Evangelisation?

Because evangelisation -
proclaiming the good news about
Jesus Christ - is central to the
Church's mission.

The cell system also helps
members to learn more about,
and deepen their faith. They are
small, loving and supportive mini-
communities within the wider
Parish community.

Evangelisation is what the Church
is all about and it is the responsi-
bility of each member of the
Church - not just our clergy and
those in religious orders.

Cells are not really new at all -
the early Church was formed of
small 'house churches' meeting in
people's homes.

They are called 'cells' because, as
with biological cells, they are in-
tended to grow and then divide
by attracting new members.



*'I will make you
Fishers of men'*
Matt 4:19

Evangelii Gaudium The Joy of the Gospel (Pope Francis)



Pope Francis sees the Christian life as being
based on knowing and experiencing God's
love, mercy and salvation offered to all
through the death and resurrection of Jesus
Christ.

"Evangelisation programmes and catechesis
must be designed to help people return to
that basic knowledge and experience and
help them understand church teaching in
light of God having revealed Himself as
loving and merciful" (24.11.2013)

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Parish Evangelisation Cell System

P.E.C.S.

Parish Cells living their faith
and supporting each other
as they reach out to others.

**A practical 'hands on' way for
your parish to evangelise.**



Pope Francis calls for renewal
and for every person and
every institution –
from the Pope and the
Roman Curia
down to the parish
and its parishioners –
to rethink the way they live
their faith and
focus their energies.

Monsignor Michael Eivers is the father of P.E.C.S in the Roman Catholic Church who has had many years' experience of Cell Formation. He shares...



“One of the greatest discoveries of 47 years as a priest was Parish Evangelising Cells... It all began in 1983. At that time I was pastor of St. Boniface Parish Pembroke Pines in the Archdiocese of Miami. I was searching for some way to lead a parish into ongoing spiritual growth. My great fear at that time was that we were becoming just ‘a spiritual filling station’ surviving from Sunday to Sunday. Parishioners were crying out for spiritual growth, Bible study, and a deeper knowledge of their Catholic faith...I have no doubt about it - Parish Evangelising Cells are a movement of the Holy Spirit in recent times in many Catholic parishes around the world...”

Contact: www.cells-evangelization.org



Don Pigi Perini is responsible for PECS in the Catholic Church worldwide. He was deeply inspired by the effects of the Cell System he witnessed when he visited St Boniface's parish in Florida. He introduced PECS into his parish of St. Eustorgio in Milan in 1985. Thus the first Cells in Europe were born. St Eustorgio has hosted international PECS conferences each year since 1989.

Contact: www.santeustorgio.it

What happens in a Cell Meeting?

We meet to share:

Praise & Worship

What has Jesus done for me
and what have I done for Him
since we last met?
How have I reached out to others?

Learning together from Scripture
and Teaching from the Parish Priest

Discussion – to help the teaching
TAKE ROOT in us

Business/Notices

Intercessory Prayer -
for own Intentions and those in the Cell prayer book

Healing Prayer

The Lord's Prayer
for the wider community

Is PECS authentically Catholic?

PECS has been approved by the Pontifical Council for the Laity, which on 2nd April 2009 decreed: “The Organisation unites and coordinates the Parish Evangelizing Cells, small groups of the lay faithful united through family, work or friendship ties, who meet together in order to nurture their faith and evangelise their surroundings. The idea inspiring the entire System is that of offering opportunities for personal and community conversion in the parishes so that they may become vibrant faith communities.”

Leadership and Growth

Leadership ... Each group will have a leader and co-leader. Going forward, the development and training of new potential leaders will be a key task of each cell leader.

Growth ... How will the cells grow? By each cell member prayerfully reaching out to people known to them (not only other members of the Parish). This may involve supporting the potential members in a variety of ways, taking advantage of opportunities to talk and share about Jesus and perhaps after a period of support and prayer inviting them to join the cell.

What if a cell gets too big? That's great! The aim of the cells is to grow and then divide.

This does not mean that you lose touch with your friends because there will be continuity by regular ‘get-togethers’ of the parish cells.

