



Everyday Evangelising in All Situations

Respond with “thank God” when someone shares good news with you.
 Wear a cross or other symbol of your faith.
 Share a story of how God works in your life.
 Ask people to pray for your intentions.
 Gently start a discussion with “I believe” or “Jesus says.”
 Assist those who are searching by introducing them to Christ.
 Invite to church those who have no faith community.
 Make the sign of the cross when dining out.
 Treat everyone with dignity.
 Share a smile and personal greeting.
 Share with neighbours about your parish.
 Leave religious materials in unexpected places.



Everyday Evangelising through Social Justice

Help those less fortunate by sharing time, talent or money.
 Identify your own prejudices.
 Network with those who support your values.
 Watch the news with the eyes of Christ.
 Learn the facts on all sides of an issue.
 Publicly express your opinion.
 Act on your conviction.
 Learn and address the values of our government.
 Vote with discernment.

A Christian who is not evangelising is a Christian on early retirement.

Everyday Evangelising through Special Days

Celebrating Days and Seasons of the Church

New Year’s Day—make a resolution to evangelise.
 Candlemas—place a lighted candle in your window
 Ash Wednesday—receive ashes and wear them proudly.
 Lent—display a cross in your window.
 Pentecost—wear red as a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
 Advent—use an Advent wreath and/or calendar.
 Christmas—use religious cards.



Redeeming other days...

Valentine’s Day—celebrate God’s love for you by sharing it with others.
 Mother’s Day
 Father’s Day
 Any others you can think of...?

If you would like some more practical ideas about how you can evangelise in your everyday life, please contact Holy Innocents’ Catholic Church

“Put Out Into Deep Water”

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*“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence.”
 (1 Peter 3:15)*

Evangelisation first begins when you accept God's Word into your life and know the joy of His love. Then you proclaim that Word to others by living it out in loving, unselfish service and witness.

Whenever possible you share your story of Jesus and His love in your life, and then invite others to deepen their relationship with Christ through the Church community.

(Pope Paul VI, Evangelisation in the Modern World).

This is done most effectively through everyday evangelising.



Everyday evangelising is everyone's mission. By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called to share our faith. *"The Great Commission" Matthew 28: 19-20 "Go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."*

Everyday evangelising is not a programme, but a way of life. It takes place at any time, in any place, under any circumstance.

Everyday evangelising reaches out to everyone, including active and inactive Catholics and those with no faith community.



Before You Can Evangelise

You must be open to God as the centre of your life, allowing yourself to be formed by God's Word.

- Pray daily.
- Participate in a small Christian community.
- Carry a cross in your pocket.
- Read Catholic magazines, books, and/or newspapers, etc.
- Participate in a Parish Evangelisation Cell.
- Fast periodically.
- Communicate with those who inspire you.
- Participation at Mass & the sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Attend events, talks or courses to deepen your Christian faith.
- Reflect on the witness of others.
- Pray the rosary.

Everyday Evangelising in the Home

- Pray grace before and after meals.
- Proudly display symbols of your faith.
- Celebrate your feast days.
- Discuss the morality of a TV show.
- Read the Bible.



Everyday Evangelising in the Parish

- Exchange names with those around you at Church.
- Get involved, if only on a small scale.
- Periodically sit in a different place in Church to meet others.
- Be gracious in the car park.
- Explain rituals in advance to those who are not familiar with the Catholic faith.
- Send a card to newly baptised or confirmed.
- Pray for Priests, Deacons and each other.

Everyday Evangelising in the Workplace

- Transact all business dealings honestly.
- Offer to pray for a co-worker who has shared some personal concerns.
- Interact with co-workers who share your Christian beliefs.
- Respect others' religious beliefs.
- Pray before making decisions.
- Speak of Christ in your life.



Everyday Evangelising for Those Experiencing Stress

- Give on-going support.
- Send a Mass card or other card of support.
- Pray with and for the person.
- Seek out agencies that can address their needs.

Our words illuminate, our witness illustrates.

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Evangelisation is holding Jesus in your heart and carrying Jesus to the hearts of others.
