

Who does the Office serve?

Archdiocesan and parish staffs and leaders interested in maximizing the evangelistic potential of their activities, including:

1. Priests, deacons and seminarians
2. Parish and school staffs
3. Pastoral Councils
4. Parish Evangelization Teams
5. Evangelizers (parishioners)
6. RCIA, adult faith formation, and other catechetical leaders
7. Liturgical ministers
8. Other ministers, including those working with youth and young adults, families, campus ministry, social outreach
9. Leaders of apostolates and movements
10. All Catholics interested in outreach
11. Under-evangelized and inactive Catholics, the unchurched, and others in need of Good News, via outreach programs so that they might encounter Christ in a life-giving and life-changing manner, and experience first-hand that:

“The happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy, has a name and a face: It is Jesus of Nazareth.”

Pope Benedict XVI



St. Paul exhorts us:

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a **perishable wreath**, but we **an imperishable**.

Therefore I run in such a way, but not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”

1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Office for Evangelization

Archdiocese of San Antonio



“Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch... Upon doing this they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the point of breaking.” (Luke 5:4-6)

“I sense the moment has come to commit all the Church’s energies to a new evangelization...

No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples.”

Pope John Paul II

Mission and Vision

To assist the Archdiocese in becoming an increasingly **evangelized and evangelizing community of faith**, overseeing the development and execution of evangelization goals to fulfill the Lord's command to **"go and make disciples of all nations"** (Mt 28: 19) and make our parishes places where people gather as joyful and actively involved *everyday evangelized evangelizers*. The Office accomplishes this by:

- Educating and enthusing Catholics about evangelization by imparting a clear vision for Christ-centered Catholic evangelization, responding to the call of recent Popes for a *new evangelization* and the Bishops *National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States: Go and Make Disciples*.
- Equipping and entrusting evangelization efforts to *everyday evangelized evangelizers* via training workshops, ongoing consultation, publications, conferences, and outreach programs, so they might develop and implement a systematic plan for evangelization, discipleship and ongoing formation of quasi-practicing Catholics, under-evangelized and inactive Catholics, the unchurched, other Christians, other believers, non-believers, and other persons needing a clear proclamation of the Person and Message of Jesus Christ as preserved by His Church.
- Being a resource to all who wish to maximize the evangelistic potential of their activities.

Services aimed at helping you!

- Inspirational and practical talks
- Columns in *Today's Catholic* newspaper
- Parish Evangelization Team Workshops
- Leadership and networking gatherings
- Evangelization Study Days
- Evangelization 101 Specialization Course
- Parish Planning Days
- Training Workshops for Home Visitation Ministry, Come Home Programs, and other outreach strategies
- Bible Study programs
- In-services for Catholic School principals and catechetical leaders
- Conferences, retreats, days/evenings of Reflection, and other growth and learning opportunities
- Webpage
- TV programs on CTSA (Channel 15, Time Warner Cable)
- Radio programs on Guadalupe Radio Network (89.7 FM KJMA)
- Lending library
- Evangelization through film
- Any other service to help the Church become an *evangelized and evangelizing community of faith*.

**"The Church exists in order to evangelize."
Pope Paul VI**

**"Go and make disciples of all the nations."
Matthew 28:19**



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Educating, exciting and equipping Catholics to carry out a New Evangelization and become ***everyday evangelized evangelizers!***

Helping the Archdiocese of San Antonio become an evermore ***evangelized and evangelizing community of faith!***