

JESUS ALIVE

Official prayer of the Archdiocese of Dubuque 175th Anniversary

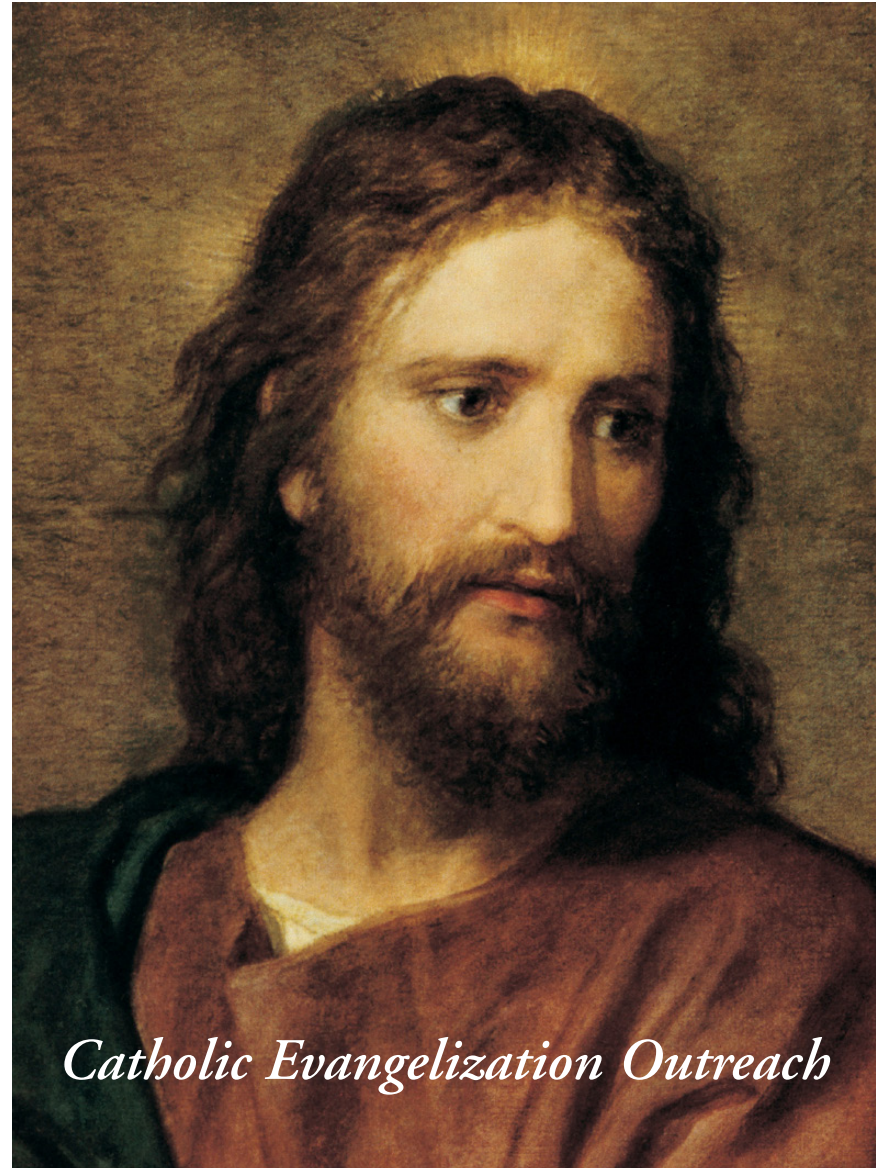
Loving God, you called us each by name and gave your only Son to redeem us. In your faithfulness you sent the Holy Spirit to complete the mission of Jesus among us. Open our hearts to Jesus. Give us the courage to speak His name to those who are close to us and the generosity to share His love with those who are far away. We pray that every person throughout the world be invited to know and love Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. May we come to know His all-surpassing love. May that love transform the Archdiocese of Dubuque and every element of society. We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. St. Raphael, the Archangel, be our guide!

For more information about CEO and other witness talks please go to: CRCEO.INFO

We encourage you to consider helping us help others by joining our CEO team. There are no meetings other than our monthly Outreach Meeting. The parish contacts are listed below if you would like to help us. Thank you & God Bless!!!

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Welcome and thank you for attending this outreach event.



EVANGELIZATION MISSION

To know and follow Christ, and help others do the same.

Evangelization Goal

To re-energize those who currently participate in our faith and to welcome back those who have drifted away. To encourage a deeper relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Why Evangelize?

We are commanded by Christ to evangelize. Just as John Paul 2 said, “It is not enough for us to receive Jesus Christ ourselves; we must also bring him to others”. Pope Benedict XVI said, “Discipleship and mission are like the two sides of a single coin: when the disciple is in love with Christ, he cannot stop proclaiming to the world that only in Him do we find salvation.” He continued, “Why do we want to be Disciples of Christ? The answer is: because, in communion with Him, we hope to find life that is worthy of the name, and thus we want to make Him known to others, to communicate to them the gift that we have found in Him.”

How We Will Evangelize?

We will work within the structure of the archdiocese and each church's faith formation commissions. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will build unified teams at each parish, who will become soldiers for Christ. Each team will consist of 4-7 people at first and will grow rapidly as we invite everyone to be a part of this mission.

Evangelization Plan

- Begin to nurture friendships. Friendship is the original model of evangelization and establishes trust and mutual respect. This brings about openness and acceptance that leads to a productive dialogue.
- Pray for people we are trying to reach. Prayer opens our hearts to God and his ways.
- Tell your story. Despite how ordinary you think it is, people will relate to your journey and be inspired by it.
- Monthly outreach gatherings, including witness talks. Testify to Christ and speak about your relationship with Him and the church. Each speaker will focus on a topic, such as improving our prayer life, strengthening our marriage, struggling with our selfish nature, and coping with depression, abuse, or anger.

THE WORLD NEEDS YOUR TESTIMONY

The world today needs to see your love for Christ. It needs *public testimony of the religious life*. As Pope Paul VI once said: “Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses”. If the non-believers of this world are to come to believe in Christ, they need your faithful witness. A testimony that springs from your complete trust in the generous mercy of the Father and your enduring faith in the power of the Cross and Resurrection.

And so the ideals, values and convictions, which underlie our commitment to Christ, must be translated into the language of daily life. In the midst of the people of God, in the local ecclesial community, your public witness is part of your contribution to the mission of the Church. As Saint Paul says, “You are a letter from Christ...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts”.

Pope John Paul II Philippines February 17, 1981

When John Paul II was asked “Who do we Evangelize?”

Evangelize the Evangelizer
Evangelize the Active
Evangelize the Inactive
Evangelize the Alienated
Evangelize the Un-Churched

“CEO is making a positive impact on the life of Catholic parishes and individuals. We are all called to evangelize, that is, to let the good news of God's salvation on earth break through the dark night of this world. CEO is the latest example of that light of faith spontaneously shining through the hearts of the family of God to reveal His crucified love and let the hungry, discontented soul discover where they may best be satisfied and find rest. May God bless all the efforts and expressions of CEO!”

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