



## ***Holy Spirit Catholic Community***

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*"Faith is strengthened when it is given to others" St. John Paul II*

That is why our mother Church says Catholics are *"strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed"* CCC 1285. Therefore; Evangelization is an obligation of every Catholic as is attending week-end mass. When we answer the call of Jesus to become his disciples and only the one who has a personal relationship with Jesus is his true disciple.

There are four steps that lead us to Evangelize

1. Encounter Jesus/Call. Mt 4:18-22
2. Conversion Lk 5:8
3. Intentional discipleship John 21: 15-18
4. Proclaim the gospel. Acts of the Apostles.

There are 60 to 70 thousand self-proclaimed Catholics in the city of Lubbock and only 12 thousand attend Catholic Church regularly. Jesus has trusted us this responsibility to save these souls. It is only those who have encountered Christ personally and intentionally responded to his call can help Jesus save souls.

Therefore; after much thought and discussion we want to begin this process of evangelization in our parish. During every week-end mass in the month of July we will have mini-retreats. Every mass will be around 45 minutes and will be followed by a 30 minute mini-retreat with prayer, personal witness and a spiritual exercise. Let us prayerfully listen to the life stories of how our people encountered Jesus and their stories of conversion. It is a time to remember our own experience of Jesus and how we can submit to his will. We all are sojourners to heaven. *"Jesus does not want to lose even one whom the Father has given to his care."* John 6:39

I would like to recommend a few books that may help you along your own spiritual journey. *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry A. Weddell and *Evangelizing Catholics* by Scott Hahn. Each of these books may offer the inspiration you need to share your faith and help someone respond to God's call to intentional discipleship. I also encourage you to visit our website, [HolySpiritLubbock.org](http://HolySpiritLubbock.org). You will be able to follow a link to listen to any of the mini-retreats you may have missed during the month and have the opportunity to share your personal stories of conversion and read any that others may have shared.

Let us join in Jesus with this journey.

Yours truly,

Fr. Rudolf Crasta.