



## *Bits and pieces*



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Do you find Prayer enriching? Then, join with others in an exciting new Ministry of Evangelization and Re-Evangelization ~ “Stand in the Gap” for others, through Intercessory Prayer

Lest anyone think, “Well, that’s what those “other” Churches that aren’t Catholic do!” . . . **YOU ARE MISTAKEN!**

At the root of “standing in the gap” through prayer is **INTERCESSORY Prayer** . . . and that has been around for thousands of years . . . and a part of the Church since Jesus Christ founded it on the rock that is Peter . . . Jesus Christ . . . **the perfect intercessor** . . . Jesus Christ . . .

**the one who has stood in the gap for all of humanity . . . then, now, and forever!**

So, now that you can move beyond this piece . . . just what will this new “ministry” of Evangelization and Re-Evangelization look like . . . and why?

In the meantime, **SAVE THE DATE!**

Mark your calendars for **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, in Room 101 of the Parish Center.**

What it will ultimately look like is really up to each of you, and God’s Holy Spirit . . . but a rough sketch is this:

Our intention is to have individuals come together to form small “intercessory” prayer groups who will come together at specific times (there is “power” in community . . . wherever 2 or 3 are gathered in His name . . . there He is in their midst!), in Church, in the area by the Tabernacle where the very Lord remains with us, and “pray” . . .

The focus of the “intercessory” prayer at this time will be on those who have drifted away from Christ and His Church . . . those who just don’t gather with us (or, for that matter, any other faith community) regularly . . . or even at all . . . to pray with all of our heart, mind and soul, that they will hear the Lord calling to them and that they will, in time, be moved to respond . . . to grow closer to the Lord and ultimately, find their way back to a faith community. These small, “intercessory” prayer groups will “Stand in the Gap” for these individuals . . . praying for them, but also, on their behalf

. . . much as so many of our ancestors in faith have done before us . . . much as the Lord has done and continues to do for all of us . . .

brief time. Who knows, the Lord may just be calling you to this great ministry!

*Sincerely yours in Christ . . . . . Fr. Mike*

And just “who” will we be praying for? Well, there will be a wooden container placed near the Tabernacle that will have the names of persons from this very parish who do not appear to be connected . . . that will be our focus and start . . . but, others may “add” names to this container . . . names of individuals you/they may know who may not have Christ at their center and/or who may not be connected regularly to this parish, or some other faith community.

**THIS CONTAINER IS ONLY TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE AT THIS TIME . . . THAT’S OUR FOCUS.** The Prayer Notes’ Book, found in the front Vestibule of the Church is still to be used for all other “intentions” . . . specifically, this container, at the foot of the very Lord who abides with us, is intended just for those we want to storm the heavens with prayer for . . . praying they will respond to God’s call to draw close to the Lord . . . respond to God’s call to “come home!”

In the coming weeks, we will share more about this ministry and just what it means to be an “Intercessor” or one that “Stands in the Gap” for another.

In the meantime, mark your calendars for **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, in Room 101 of the Parish Center.** We will hear more about this ministry then and form Intercessory Prayer Teams. Even if you are thinking, “Not me” but are at least curious, come . . . join others for a