



ENDS OF THE EARTH

**SERVES:
COMMUNITY**

**TIME:
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PRESENTING THE NEED TO MY TEAM

- As Jesus was finishing his work on earth he told us all, “you shall be my witnesses in Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)
- How often have we gone out to be his witnesses or do we need to be reminded like the apostles at the end of this scene: “Men of Galilee why do you stand looking into heaven?” (v. 11)
- We have received a lot from Christ in our life and we look forward to our union in heaven but the question we need to ask ourselves is whether we have been witnesses of Christ’s love to the world in our life.
- We as young men can be witnesses to this world waning and dying for lack of Christ.
- Do you think you have what it takes to spread the “Good News” to the ends of the earth?
- In this project we need to learn about different religious groups that want to bring people away from Christ’s Church. You cannot just hold onto this information yourself but must help your community know the errors of the most prevalent groups. You need to save Catholics from falling into the clutches of such fallacies. You need to provide information comparing the True Faith and a local sect.

SPREAD THE MESSAGE!

OUR CALL TO SERVE

Let’s proclaim the good news and truth from the rooftops! We cannot be scared to help people realize the truth, and protect those from falling astray. Let’s figure out what group is the largest threat in our area, and inform our parish, friends and others with the truth!

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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WEEK	STEPS	QUESTION OF THE WEEK
1	<p>Observe: Look around your area to see which groups are the most proactive and threatening. Look for who may snatch lukewarm Catholics from their holy mother's arms.</p> <p>Determine: Since the strategy for victory is divide and conquer, you should determine which group you will need to confront.</p>	
2	<p>Research: You need to investigate the Sect you will confront so you know their beliefs. Use as many sources as you can, and discuss it among the team. If you know a person who has a degree in Theology that would be willing to help, that would be ideal.</p>	
3	<p>Permission: You need to get permission from your local pastor to go door to door, or from a store manager to distribute materials at a public location.</p>	
4	<p>Materials: Prepare some materials explaining what the group you will confront believes, what the Catholic Church teaches and why the Church is right. For instance: Jehovah's Witness deny that Jesus is God but we believe it and John 1:1-4 confirms it.</p>	

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5	<p>Role Play: Practice running into a Catholic, someone now involved in the group you are targeting and someone involved in Conquest. How would you react? What message can you give them about the truth?</p> <p>Print: Print out the materials you prepared.</p>	
6	<p>Parish: Give out the materials you prepared after the masses that the team members regularly attend at their parish(es); ask for positive criticism.</p>	
7	<p>Door-to-door: Go door to door within the boundary of a parish and give the material to all, but especially to lukewarm Catholics to strengthen their faith.</p>	
8	<p>Ends of the Earth!: Go out into the streets to spread the good word. Put yourself in a public place with a lot of people walking by. Ideas include: public squares, shopping centers subway stations, even popular street corners. Pass out the materials you prepared, and have good conversations (keeping charity #1 in mind). Not to confront, but to spread the good news and help inform people of the truth.</p>	

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LOCATION

- At each public location you need to position yourself strategically to be able to meet the most people you can.
- When you do the door-to-door mission, plan it out and inform the pastor about where you go.
- During the street mission choose a challenging place, where most of the people will not share our faith.

PROVISIONS

- Materials to distribute: You need to prepare something simple that anyone can understand. Here are a few ideas for your suggestion. One option is a simple table with four columns with the doctrine, the sect's position, the Church's position, and why. Another option is to make a tri-fold which points out some key doctrines of the sect (with pictures), and follow it with the message of salvation in the Catholic Church.
- Shirts: You should be unified as a team and all wear the Conquest team shirts. Another option is to buy Mission Youth shirts (with the papal cross on the back) at store.missionnetwork.com.
- Research: Make sure that you use material that explains the sect's doctrines and does not just attack them. Keep charity in mind. You cannot win anyone over or enable them to be open if you do not present this correctly with charity.

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RESPONSIBILITIES

- Researchers: Research can be done by a small committee on the team. You want to have a few young men working together but getting the whole team directly involved could slow things down.
- Designers: Some team members should design the material you will distribute.
- Realize that you need to make it attractive for someone who is mediocre in their faith not just for strong Catholics.
- Missionaries: Everyone on the team has this responsibility but they should be organized so it is not confusing. Small groups of 2 or 3 is ideal.

CONTACTS

- Pastor: You will need to approach pastors to distribute handouts after Mass at their parishes. Simply explain that you are distributing things to help keep their parishioners away from Mormonism or the missionaries of the Jehovah's Witnesses (or any other local proactive group). When you want to go door-to-door you will have to do a little more convincing as you will go in his name. The best way is to share concerns about one sect taking Catholics out of the Church; this can start with him or you may need to present him with the danger this group poses for his parish.
- Catholics: They need to be instructed in the true doctrines of the Church and this group so they can help any family or friends who are beginning to fall prey.
- Sect Members: First of all show charity but you need to gently suggest that you can help them with their understanding of God. If there are many of them together, focus on the ones who seem the least indoctrinated or those closest to your age.
- Others you meet: Focus on the part of your mission that is spreading the word about the Catholic faith. Even if they are not leaning towards a certain sect, Catholic doctrine needs to be taught to all.

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SPECIAL OPS

- This could dovetail into Holy Week Missions where the same material and methods are used by the team to help invite people to Church for the mysteries of Holy Week.
- Be professional as you need to attract people. People will follow a professional group over a rag-tag group of teens. This applies to your own presentation but especially to the material you are handing out.
- We start with the Catholic parish and go to more and more difficult areas as the weeks progress. So the young men learn courage, you need to do the more difficult ones. If you are short on time, try and do more than one thing in a week or, at last resort, drop some of the easier missions.
- 110% or nothing; for this mission anyone who does not believe what he says fully or is not fully committed will be more of a hindrance than a help. It is very important that the team takes this very seriously.

CONTINGENCY PLAN



- If you are strapped for time or the pastor may have problems with you handing out material that you prepared, get pamphlets on the sect you want to challenge from the Catholic Answers website or elsewhere and distribute them. (www.catholicanswers.com)
- If you are in an overwhelming protestant area, you may find it best just to present Catholic teachings for them rather than specifically point out the errors.
- Get a priest (or knowledgeable layman) to give a talk on whatever group you are approaching and distribute material promoting it rather than providing the information when you first meet somebody.
- You can get stickers with “This is a Catholic Home” or “Este Hogar es Catolico,” and a warning against missionaries. These are great to hand out to Catholics, or even to leave on their front door during this mission.

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ROLL CALL

ORGANIZING THE TEAM

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