



## HOLY WEEK MISSIONS

**SERVES:  
PARISH**

**TIME:  
LENT / HOLY WEEK**

### **PRESENTING THE NEED TO MY TEAM**

- A man who takes on challenges is courageous, one who shies away is usually called a wimp.
- The man who kills a bear is praised as courageous for standing up to the ferocious beast. We can easily see physical courage because the dangers are clear before us.
- It takes more courage to take on a real challenge and remain faithful to your convictions amid all of life's difficulties.
- A door-to-door mission is a real challenge that can conquer many souls for Christ. It will usually include many rejections along the way, but it is important to persevere.
- Holding true to our convictions takes much more courage than building muscles.
- How many fallen away Catholics are in the neighborhoods surrounding our own parish? How many Catholics in our parish no longer attend Sunday Mass regularly? How can we help bring them back?
- God sometimes wants to use us as instruments to bring his son Jesus to others through us.
- *"Go, do not be afraid, and serve. If you follow these three ideas, you will experience that the one who evangelizes is evangelized, the one who transmits the joy of faith received joy." - Pope Francis*

### **A DOOR TO DOOR MISSION CAN CONQUER MANY SOULS FOR CHRIST!**

#### **OUR CALL TO SERVE**

Let's plan Holy Week missions this Lenten season, to help bring fallen away Catholics back to the Church and Jesus!

## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

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WEEK	STEPS	QUESTION OF THE WEEK
1	<p><b>Motivate:</b> Bring the idea of a mission as a big challenge to the boys. Discuss some of the specific things they will face.</p> <p><b>Obtain Permission:</b> Seek the Pastor's permission first before planning anything further. The goal is to serve the parish by inviting people back to the parish community by going door to door within the boundaries of his parish. The boys simply provide them with a parish bulletin, and invite them to Mass, Confession, etc. It is best to plan this during Holy Week to invite people to special Holy Week parish activities and services.</p>	XXXX
2	<p><b>Invite:</b> If the pastor is open to it, the boys should invite their friends to join in the Missions. They will need to be caught up on training though prior to the mission, if they are not Conquest members.</p>	XXXX
3	<p><b>Training 101:</b> Use the Holy Week Missions file from the Team Leader Resource Center online to begin training this week and the next few weeks.</p>	XXXX
4	<p><b>Continue Training:</b> This week, go over in detail the phrases to use when speaking with people at their homes. It would be good to make a cheat sheet – for their introduction that the boys can take home to study.</p>	XXXX

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5	<b>Talk:</b> This week it would be good to have a dad, a deacon or the pastor give a talk to the boys about the importance of missionary work. Invite someone that has gone on a mission trip abroad to give the talk, to share testimony and pictures.	XXXX
6	<b>Role Playing:</b> This week have the boys practice role playing. Have some dads be the people answering the doors, and ask them to throw out some good objections and questions. Explain that this is not an apologetics mission, but the boys should be prepared to answer basic questions.	XXXX
7	<b>Final Preparation:</b> Ensure all of the boys are trained well – conduct any last minute training needed. If the event is all day long (perhaps a Saturday), it would be good to have some moms prepare sack lunches for the missionaries, or maybe some ladies at the parish could help organize it. Make sure that the boys have items to hand out such as parish bulletins, event flyers from the parish, rosaries, prayer cards, a clipboard and paper to collect prayer intentions. A map of the neighborhoods should be printed and distributed this week.	XXXX
8	<b>Be not afraid!:</b> The boys should go over the quick Gospel reflection and be sent ideally in groups of three. They should turn in all prayer intentions at the end, and they should pray for them in the next week.	<b>Service Project:</b> There is a short Gospel Reflection to help motivate the boys for this apostolic project.

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## LOCATION

- The boys should try to do this for their own parish where the Conquest group is located.
- The pastor should be able to provide a map of parish boundaries, to invite people door to door to Mass and other parish activities.
- Have the dads plan several routes through neighborhoods, the boys go on foot in groups of three. A dad must always be able to see the boys clearly from the street, and the boys should never enter a house, even if invited.
- Avoid neighborhoods that state “no soliciting” as you may have the police called on your group.

## PROVISIONS

- Holy Week Missions document found on the team leader resource center online.
- You need parish bulletins to hand out at the bare minimum. Other items would be good such as rosaries, (work with the parish ladies to see if they can supply), CD's ([www.catholicity.com/cds/](http://www.catholicity.com/cds/) - free – you pay only for shipping or donation), and other helpful pamphlets such as guides to confession (call our national office to order these at 855-556-6872)
- Make sure you get food for lunch if doing the mission on a Saturday, most parishes will get the ladies guild to do this, or moms can help prepare or send their sons with sack lunches. Don't forget bottled water!
- Wear Conquest shirts for uniformity.
- A clipboard per group, paper and pen to take prayer intentions that can be prayed for at the next Conquest meetings.

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# TACTICS BY AREAS



## RESPONSIBILITIES

- One boy needs to be responsible for the bulletin that you will distribute to every house you go to. He should pick them up from the parish the day prior to the mission.
- The boys should go in groups of three. The first boy knocks and leads the discussion, the second boy takes notes / prayer intentions, and the third prays for this person and hands them items such as the bulletin, etc. Every block or every 10 minutes they should rotate responsibilities.
- One boy is the liaison with the pastor and the rest of the parish; he is responsible for ensuring the expectations on both sides are the same.
- If one boy has done missions previously (either with his family or individually) he should help direct the training in weeks 3 and 4.

## CONTACTS

- Pastor: The pastor is usually busy. He wants to have things to help his parish, but if a project seems to entail a lot of work on his part or his staff, he is much less likely to view it positively. It is good to show him how you will do this. You need to be flexible and willing to work together with the programs that already exist in the parish. Remember that he is in charge and you are just helping out.
- Friends to invite: Each boy should invite their friends with a goal to being at least one to participate in the missions.
- People whom you meet knocking on doors: These people are the goal of the missions. You need to be respectful while sharing the truth of our Catholic faith. The goal is to gently bring them back to the Church if they have fallen away, or to simply explain to them more about the Catholic faith. The boys need to be joyful and share Christ's good news with others.

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## SPECIAL OPS

- You need to pray for the people. Ask them for prayer intentions and after the mission pray for these intentions.
- This apostolate is challenging for the boys, and should push them outside of their comfort zone to speak about the Church and their friend in Jesus Christ. A dad may have to be the one to show them how it is done the first few houses to help them overcome their fears.
- The boys need to go to people's doors without the dads standing right there. Make sure though that a dad can visibly see the boys from the sidewalk or street and that they do not enter any houses.
- The boys should ask the person(s) if they would like to pray an Our Father prayer at the front door with them.
- Ideally, if a priest can come along, he could offer confessions in the person's living room.
- It is typically hard to find people home during a weekday, so evenings or a Saturday works best.
- Make sure to track how many houses the boys went to, how many people they actually spoke to, and any testimonies to then share with the pastor.

## CONTINGENCY PLAN



- Fire Missions can be done on several nights of a week rather than all-day Saturday. This is best during Holy Week, beginning on Wednesday to invite people to the parish.
- This mission can be integrated with launching Pilgrim Queen of the Family (see optional service projects) by having the missionaries visiting parishioners and asking them if they are interested in this program.

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# ROLL CALL

## ORGANIZING THE TEAM

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