

Called to Live as Missionary Disciples

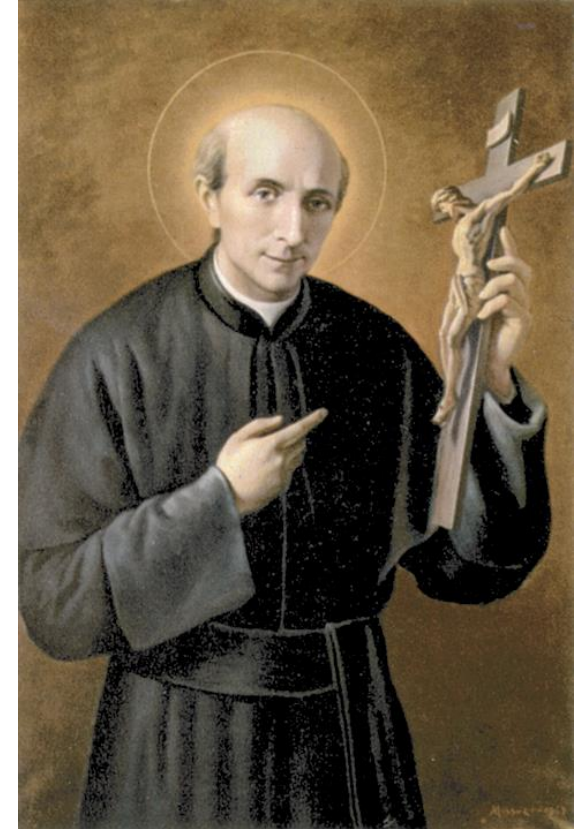
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St. Vincent Pallotti

“The love of our Lord Jesus Christ urges everyone to the work of the apostolate so that they may receive the honorable title ‘apostle’.”

- *St. Vincent Pallotti*



Pope Francis



“In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization.”

- *Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium*
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Missionary Disciples

“An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives”; “An evangelizing community is also supportive, standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be.... Finally, an evangelizing community is filled with joy; ... It celebrates every small victory, every step forward in the work of evangelization.”

– Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* #24



Role of the Laity

“**What about you?**” It is significant that those words of the elderly Pope were also addressed to a lay woman. We know that the future of the Church in a rapidly changing society will call, and even now calls, for a **much more active engagement on the part of the laity**. The Church in the United States has always devoted immense effort to the work of **catechesis and education**. Our challenge today is to build on those solid foundations and to **foster a sense of collaboration and shared responsibility** in planning for the future of our parishes and institutions.”

– *Pope Francis, Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia*



How to incorporate more spirituality into your program

- Orientation
- Retreats
- Spirituality Nights
- Transitioning out of volunteer service
- Alumni
- Program Staff
- Self care



Orientation

- What are you already doing to talk about spirituality during your Orientation program?
- What types of prayer experiences do you have during Orientation?
- Do you provide resources to help your volunteers to learn more about prayer during their time of service?



Retreats

- Do you have one retreat focused on the spirituality of the volunteer?
- Do you incorporate spirituality into other aspects of your retreat program?



Spirituality Nights

- What are some quality, effective spirituality nights your communities have had?
- What made them good?
- What did your volunteers get out of those nights?



Transition out of service

- How do you support a spirit of discernment for your volunteers?
- Do you encourage your volunteers to pray about their next steps?



Alumni

- What are you already doing to support your alumni and their spirituality?
- Does your program provide opportunities for retreats or other opportunities for prayer for former volunteers?



Program Staff

- How do you attend to the spiritual needs of your staff?
- Do you pray together? Why or why not?
- Do you have opportunities for staff retreats?



Self Care

- Do you attend to your own spiritual needs?
- Do you take time as part of your day for prayer or reflection?
- When was the last time you went on a retreat yourself?



Catholic Apostolate Center Resources

- Visit www.catholicapostolatecenter.org for resources for your staff & volunteers
 - Collaboration with CVN: Resources for current and alumni volunteers

