

# Onsite School of Evangelization in Novi, MI INFORMATION SHEET

## Ordinary Catholics, Extraordinary Evangelists

Every baptized Catholic has received a call to be a part of the New Evangelization. However, as Archbishop Allen Vigneron pointed out in his pastoral letter *Unleash the Gospel*, "Since evangelizing does not come naturally for most people, being effective evangelizers also usually requires the development of some practical skills."

Our weekly School of Evangelization is designed to help ordinary Catholics become extraordinary evangelists in their own communities. Our new onsite school meets once a week in the evening and includes time for teaching, discussion, small groups, activities, prayer, and praise & worship. It also includes outings where we will evangelize together in different settings, and a final year-end project.

#### You will learn about:

- The history of Christian evangelization
- The mystical dimension of the Church
- The story of salvation
- Christian testimony
- Effective evangelization strategies
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit for evangelization
- Healing in the Bible and early Church
- Methods for healing prayer
- "Power evangelization"
- The economy of grace
- Evangelical apologetics
- Virtuous Leadership
- Evangelizing in your community



#### Who We Are and What We Do

The St. Paul Evangelization Institute is home to several Catholic apostolates, most notably St. Paul Street Evangelization and our all-new St. Paul School of Evangelization. Our online school features a variety of video lessons led by Catholic teachers such as Dr. Mary Healy and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. It also includes dozens of downloadable resources for evangelization teams. Our street ministry is comprised of hundreds of teams of lay people who evangelize in the public square, building a bridge of trust to the local parish using prayer stations, door-to-door ministry, festival evangelization, and other methods.

Using a "hands-on approach," our onsite school will help Catholics learn more about their faith and how to share it with others in a joyful, non-confrontational manner. Our method of teaching looks to the leadership model of Jesus. Jesus invited ordinary people into a close relationship with Him, to walk with Him, and to learn to model Him in holiness. Together the Lord's students engaged in discussions, grew in prayer, studied the Scriptures, received supernatural gifts, were filled with the Holy Spirit, and were sent out into the whole world to make disciples. They proclaimed the Gospel with boldness through words of wisdom, with the testimony of their lives, and with great signs and wonders. All who repented and believed in the Gospel they invited into the Body of Christ, the Church. Those ordinary disciples changed the world.



This is more than history, this is our story. Ordinary disciples can change the world again. "Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize" (Pope St. Paul VI). As baptized Christians, we share in the identity and mission of the first disciples. The Church is calling us to the work of making disciples by becoming more like them.

We welcome you to the St. Paul School of Evangelization! We want to train, equip and mobilize you to live out your vocation. It is our firm belief that our God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things for the kingdom of God in the world. Together, we can faithfully and effectively witness to the love of God revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ.

For more info or to register, call **657-777-2963** or visit: **www.evangelizationschool.com** 

#### Location

Holy Family Catholic Church 24505 Meadowbrook Road Novi, MI 48375

#### **Class Times**

Class times are 6:30 – 8:30 PM every Tuesday night. Given the nature of mentorship, ministry, and prayer, there may be times when we go past 8:30 PM. Students are always welcome to leave as they need to in order to return to their homes and families.

6:25 - 6:45 PM Worship

6:45 - 6:50 PM Opening Remarks

6:50 - 7:20 PM Small Groups

7:20 - 8:00 PM Teaching

8:00 - 8:30 PM Discussions, Activities, Ministry, or Group Work

### Year One - School of Evangelization

Year one emphasizes direct evangelization strategies, relational ministry, and personal growth as an evangelist. Our method of teaching is to learn together through small groups, mentorship, class discussion, and group evangelization outings. This cooperative approach helps each student to grow confident evangelizing in various circumstances (family, friends, strangers, in public, and in ministry). There is an evangelization field trip at the end of each quarter and the year culminates in a four week offsite evangelization project.

Year one is broken down into four quarters:

Quarter 1 - Basic Evangelization Training

Quarter 2 - Healing in Evangelization Training

Quarter 3 - The Proclamation of the Gospel

Quarter 4 - Virtuous Leadership & Team Project Quarter

Certification: Upon successful completion of all classes and assignments, students receive their Certificate in Evangelization, approved by the institute's Board of Directors.

#### Homework

Students will receive homework each week, including Bible reading, study questions which will be used for in-class small groups, a prayer focus, and individual evangelization assignments. Homework should take most students around one hour per week.





### Year Two - Leadership in Evangelization

Year two emphasizes growth as a leader in the new evangelization. Recognizing each student's unique abilities and God-given charisms, we will mentor students to become "spiritual multipliers" who are able to rise up and mentor other disciples. The goal is for each student to discover how they are uniquely called to serve and transform their local church by building an authentic culture of evangelization. Year two culminates in a student-led evangelization project.

The four quarters of year two:

Quarter 1 - Spiritual Life

Quarter 2 - Creating Disciple-Makers

Quarter 3 - Spiritual Multiplication

Quarter 4 - Leadership Project

Certification: Upon successful completion of all classes and assignments, students receive their Leadership Certificate in Evangelization.

## Your onsite school registration includes access to our on-demand virtual school!

