

A Self-Assessment Tool for Discerning Your Evangelization Style and Practical Ways to Live It Out

Introduction:

This self-assessment tool is designed to help you reflect on your natural strengths and inclinations in relation to the Catholic Church's mission of evangelization. This questionnaire will guide you in discerning your potential "style" of evangelization, allowing you to contribute more effectively and joyfully to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Remember that this is a tool for personal reflection and growth, and you may find that you resonate with more than one style.

Instructions:

Read each question carefully and choose the answer that best reflects your preferences, comfort levels, and perceived gifts. There are no right or wrong answers. Be honest with yourself and trust your initial instincts.

The Questionnaire:

1. Communication Preferences: How do you most enjoy connecting with others?

- a) Through quiet example and consistent actions.
- b) By building deep, personal friendships and having one-on-one conversations.
- c) By speaking openly and directly about my beliefs in various settings.
- d) By actively helping and serving others in practical ways.
- e) Through prayer and spiritual support.
- f) By sharing knowledge and explaining things clearly.
- g) By creating welcoming and comfortable environments for others.
- h) By sharing personal stories and experiences.
- i) By influencing the broader community through my work or involvement.
- j) By offering encouragement and support to individuals in their journey.

2. Comfort Level with Different Forms of Outreach: How comfortable are you with various ways of sharing your faith?

- a) Living my life in a way that reflects my values without necessarily speaking about them.
- b) Having conversations about faith with people I know well and trust.

- c) Sharing my faith with others, even those I don't know well, when the opportunity arises.
- d) Getting involved in activities that directly help people in need.
- e) Praying for others and for the spread of the Gospel.
- f) Explaining the teachings of the Catholic Church to those who are interested.
- g) Inviting people to join in community events and making them feel welcome.
- h) Sharing how my faith has impacted my life in conversations.
- i) Working to promote justice and positive change in society based on my faith.
- j) Offering support and a listening ear to those who are struggling with their faith.

3. Spiritual Gifts and Talents: What spiritual gifts or natural talents do you believe you possess?

- a) Integrity, consistency, quiet strength.
- b) Empathy, building trust, listening.
- c) Public speaking, clear articulation, confidence in sharing beliefs.
- d) Service, practical help, leadership in action.
- e) Prayerfulness, intercession, spiritual insight.
- f) Teaching, explaining complex ideas, research.
- g) Hospitality, creating a welcoming atmosphere, making others feel comfortable.
- h) Storytelling, vulnerability, connecting through shared experiences.
- i) Influence, leadership, vision for societal change.
- j) Encouragement, affirmation, patience.

4. Preferred Ways of Building Relationships: Do you prefer building relationships through:

- a) Shared values and consistent behavior over time.
- b) Deep, meaningful conversations and shared personal experiences.
- c) Sharing ideas and perspectives openly and honestly.
- d) Working together on common goals and serving alongside others.
- e) Offering spiritual support and praying for one another.
- f) Sharing knowledge and learning together.
- g) Creating comfortable and enjoyable shared experiences.
- h) Sharing personal stories and listening to others' stories.
- i) Collaborating on projects that have a broader impact.
- j) Providing ongoing support and encouragement.

5. Motivations for Sharing Faith: What are your primary motivations for wanting to share your faith?

- a) To be a living example of Christ's love and truth.

- b) To connect others with the love and friendship found in Christ and the Church.
- c) Because I believe the Gospel is the truth and want others to know it.
- d) Out of a desire to show compassion and help those in need, reflecting Christ's love.
- e) Because I believe in the power of prayer to change lives and bring people closer to God.
- f) To help others understand the beauty and richness of the Catholic faith.
- g) To create a welcoming community where everyone feels loved and accepted.
- h) Because I have experienced God's love and want to share that joy with others.
- i) To promote a more just and loving world based on Gospel values.
- j) To support and uplift others in their spiritual journey and help them grow closer to God.

Scoring and Interpretation:

Review your answers and count how many times you chose each letter (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j). The letters with the highest counts correspond to the evangelizer profiles that may resonate most strongly with you. You may have a primary style or find that you identify with several.

Understanding Your Evangelizer Profile(s):

Here are brief descriptions of each evangelizer profile based on the provided text. Consider how your responses align with these descriptions:

Answer 'a': The Witness (Primarily aligns with answer 'a'): You primarily evangelize through the authenticity of your Christian life. Your daily actions and interactions reflect Gospel values.

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1. Consistently live out Christian virtues: Consciously practice patience, kindness, honesty, and forgiveness in all interactions.
2. Integrate faith into daily routines: Make the sign of the cross before meals in public, wear a religious symbol, or listen to Christian music.
3. Let faith inform ethical decisions: Make choices at work and in the community that reflect Catholic moral teachings.
4. Offer help to those in need: Provide practical assistance to neighbors, colleagues, or strangers in small, everyday ways.
5. Speak positively about your faith: When asked about your weekend, mention attending Mass or a positive experience at church.
6. Maintain a joyful demeanor: Let your peace and happiness rooted in faith be evident to others.

7. Be present in the community: Participate in local events and initiatives, demonstrating your values in action.
8. Live with integrity: Be known for your honesty and reliability in all your dealings.
9. Be open about your values: When appropriate, gently share the reasons behind your actions and beliefs if asked.
10. Pray silently for those you interact with: Offer a brief prayer for their well-being and openness to God.

Answer 'b': The Relational Connector (Primarily aligns with answer 'b'): You excel at building genuine friendships and naturally integrate your faith into these relationships.

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1. Intentionally build new friendships: Reach out to individuals at work, in your neighborhood, or through hobbies who may not share your faith.
2. Invite people for casual gatherings: Host a dinner, game night, or coffee and intentionally include those who may be outside the Church.
3. Offer practical support to friends: Help with tasks, offer a ride, or provide a listening ear during difficult times.
4. Share personal faith experiences naturally: In conversations, weave in how your faith has helped you through challenges or brought you joy.
5. Invite friends to parish social events: Suggest attending a parish picnic, a guest speaker event, or a holiday gathering.
6. Start an informal faith-based discussion group: Invite a few friends to read a book or discuss a topic related to faith.
7. Actively listen and show genuine interest: When friends share their lives, listen attentively and offer empathy.
8. Pray for your friends regularly: Specifically pray for their intentions and for opportunities to share your faith.
9. Share helpful Catholic resources: Recommend a book, podcast, or website that you found inspiring or insightful.
10. Offer to accompany a friend exploring faith: If a friend expresses interest in learning more, offer to go with them to Mass or an informational session.

Answer 'c': The Proclaimer (Primarily aligns with answer 'c'): You feel a strong calling to share the Gospel message directly through your words, whether in formal or informal settings.

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1. Be ready to share the core Gospel message: Practice articulating the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in a clear and concise way.
2. Share your favorite Bible verses or Catholic teachings: Post inspiring quotes on social media or share them in conversations.
3. Volunteer to do readings at Mass: Offer your voice to proclaim the Word of God during liturgy.
4. Be prepared to give a reason for your hope: Reflect on why you believe what you believe and be ready to share that when asked.
5. Share your personal testimony in appropriate settings: If the opportunity arises, talk about how Christ has made a difference in your life.
6. Invite people to Mass or parish events with compelling speakers: Extend personal invitations to those you think might be interested.
7. Engage in respectful dialogue about faith: Be willing to discuss your beliefs with others who may have different perspectives, always with charity.
8. Learn more about Catholic doctrine: Deepen your understanding of the faith so you can speak with knowledge and conviction.
9. Consider writing or sharing your thoughts on faith online: If you are comfortable, use digital platforms to share your reflections.
10. Look for natural opportunities to speak about God's love: In everyday conversations, point to examples of God's grace and mercy.

Answer 'd': The Servant Leader (Primarily aligns with answer 'd'): You embody the love of Christ through practical acts of service and active involvement in parish ministries.

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1. Actively participate in parish outreach ministries: Volunteer at the food bank, help with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, or visit the sick.
2. Invite others to join your service activities: Encourage friends and family to experience the joy of giving back through service.

3. Volunteer your skills for parish events: Offer your talents (e.g., organizing, decorating, cooking) to support evangelization and renewal initiatives.
4. Perform small acts of service for those around you: Help a neighbor with yard work, offer assistance to someone struggling, or run errands for the elderly.
5. Welcome newcomers to your parish community: Offer assistance and make them feel included in parish activities.
6. Be a reliable and dedicated member of your chosen ministry: Show commitment and set a positive example for others.
7. Identify needs in your community and propose service projects: Take initiative to address local issues through faith-based action.
8. Support Catholic charities financially and through volunteering: Contribute to organizations that serve the poor and marginalized.
9. Consider taking on leadership roles in parish ministries: Help guide and inspire others to serve.
10. Pray for the success of parish ministries and those they serve: Lift up the needs of the community in your personal prayer.

Answer 'e': The Prayer Warrior (Primarily aligns with answer 'e'): You understand the profound power of prayer in the work of evangelization and dedicate yourself to interceding for others.

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1. Establish a consistent daily prayer time: Dedicate time each day to personal prayer and intercession.
2. Pray the Rosary regularly for the intentions of evangelization: Offer this powerful prayer for the spread of the Gospel and the conversion of hearts.
3. Offer to pray for individuals you encounter: When someone shares a difficulty, offer a sincere prayer for them.
4. Join or form a prayer group focused on evangelization: Connect with others to pray specifically for the New Evangelization.
5. Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration: Pray before the Blessed Sacrament for the Church, for those who don't know Christ, and for evangelization efforts.
6. Pray specifically for people you know who are not actively practicing their faith: Lift their names up to God regularly.

7. Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and empowerment in evangelization: Pray for the gifts of the Spirit to be poured out on all who seek to share the Gospel.
8. Pray for your parish priest and other church leaders: Ask God to bless and guide their ministry.
9. Offer prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of your faith and opportunities to share it: Acknowledge God's blessings and ask for continued opportunities.
10. Incorporate prayers for evangelization into your family prayer life: If you have a family, pray together for the spread of the Gospel.

Answer 'f': The Catechist/Teacher (Primarily aligns with answer 'f'): You have a passion for learning and sharing the teachings of the Catholic faith, naturally taking on the role of a teacher or guide.

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1. Continue to deepen your own knowledge of the Catholic faith: Read Scripture, the Catechism, and other theological resources.
2. Volunteer to teach religious education classes for children or adults: Share your knowledge and passion for the faith with others.
3. Become involved in the RCIA program: Help guide those who are entering the Catholic Church.
4. Share interesting articles or resources about the Catholic faith: Pass along informative content to those who might be interested.
5. Offer to answer questions about the Catholic faith with patience and clarity: Be a resource for those seeking to understand.
6. Lead or participate in Bible study groups: Facilitate discussions and help others explore the Scriptures.
7. Consider writing blog posts or sharing insights about the faith online: Use your knowledge to reach a wider audience.
8. Attend workshops or conferences on Catholic theology and evangelization: Expand your understanding and learn new ways to share your knowledge.
9. Recommend good Catholic books or other resources: Suggest materials for further learning to those who express interest.
10. Be prepared to explain the "why" behind Catholic beliefs and practices: Help others understand the reasoning and beauty of the faith.

Answer 'g': The Hospitable Host (Primarily aligns with answer 'g'): You create welcoming and inclusive environments where others can experience the love of Christ and the warmth of the Catholic community.

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1. Make your home a welcoming and inviting space: Create an atmosphere where others feel comfortable and accepted.
2. Regularly invite people over for meals or social gatherings: Use hospitality as a way to build relationships and create opportunities for conversation.
3. Offer assistance to newcomers in your parish: Introduce yourself, help them find their way around, and invite them to coffee after Mass.
4. Volunteer for hospitality ministries in your parish: Help with welcoming committees, coffee hours, or parish events.
5. Be attentive to the needs of your guests: Make sure they feel comfortable, included, and valued.
6. Offer a listening ear and a non-judgmental presence: Create a safe space for others to share their joys and struggles.
7. Consider hosting small gatherings focused on faith-based discussions or activities in your home: Create a relaxed setting for exploring faith.
8. Extend invitations to parish events to people you meet in your daily life: Invite neighbors, colleagues, or acquaintances to experience the parish community.
9. Be intentional about creating a friendly and approachable demeanor: Smile, make eye contact, and be open to conversation.
10. Remember that hospitality extends beyond your home: Be welcoming and inclusive in all your interactions.

Answer 'h': The Storyteller (Primarily aligns with answer 'h'): You naturally share your personal faith journey and the ways in which God has worked in your life.

"Ten Ways to Engage"

1. Reflect on key moments in your life where God's presence was evident: Identify specific experiences of faith, conversion, or answered prayer.

2. Practice sharing your personal faith journey in a concise and engaging way: Be ready to tell your story when appropriate opportunities arise.
3. Be authentic and vulnerable when sharing your testimony: Let your genuine experience resonate with others.
4. Connect your personal experiences to core Gospel messages: Show how your story reflects God's love, mercy, or saving grace.
5. Share stories of the saints or other inspiring figures from the Catholic tradition: Use their examples to encourage and uplift others.
6. Consider writing down your faith journey or sharing it through other creative mediums: Explore ways to document and share your story more broadly.
7. Listen attentively to the stories of others and affirm God's presence in their lives: Show genuine interest in their experiences.
8. Use storytelling to illustrate the relevance and impact of faith in everyday life: Make faith relatable and practical.
9. Be open about how your faith has helped you through challenges and difficult times: Share your struggles and how God's grace sustained you.
10. Remember that your unique story is a powerful tool for evangelization: Embrace your personal narrative as a way to connect with others.

Answer 'i': The Culture Shaper (Primarily aligns with answer 'i'): You focus on promoting Gospel values within the broader society through your work, civic engagement, or involvement in media and the arts.

"Ten Ways to Engage"

1. Integrate your faith values into your professional life: Strive for excellence and ethical conduct in your work.
2. Be a voice for justice and the common good in your community: Advocate for policies and initiatives that reflect Gospel values.
3. Use your talents in the arts or media to create content that inspires and uplifts: Share messages of faith and hope through your creative work.
4. Engage in respectful dialogue on social and cultural issues from a Catholic perspective: Offer your informed viewpoint in discussions.
5. Support Catholic organizations working to transform society: Contribute your time or resources to initiatives promoting Gospel principles.

6. Be mindful of the media you consume and share: Choose sources that promote truth and goodness.
7. Consider running for local office or getting involved in civic organizations: Bring your faith values to the public square.
8. Use your platform to promote the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of life: Advocate for these core Catholic teachings.
9. Be a positive and ethical influence in your online interactions: Use social media to share messages of faith and hope.
10. Recognize your vocation as a calling to bring Christ's light into the world: See your work and involvement as opportunities for evangelization.

Answer 'j': The Encourager/Affirmer (Primarily aligns with answer 'j'): You excel at supporting and uplifting others in their faith journey, offering gentle encouragement and affirmation.

"Ten Ways to Engage"

1. Offer words of encouragement and support to those struggling in their faith: Reach out to individuals facing doubts or difficulties.
2. Affirm the good you see in others and acknowledge their efforts to live out their faith: Offer specific praise and recognition.
3. Be a source of hope and positivity: Remind others of God's love, mercy, and the joy of faith.
4. Reach out to those who may have become disconnected from the Church: Let them know they are missed and valued.
5. Offer to pray with and for those facing challenges or doubts: Provide spiritual support and solidarity.
6. Share inspiring stories or quotes that have encouraged you: Pass along messages of hope and encouragement.
7. Be a patient and understanding listener: Allow others to express their doubts and concerns without judgment.
8. Celebrate the milestones and progress of others in their faith journey: Acknowledge and rejoice in their spiritual growth.
9. Remind individuals of the beauty and richness of the Catholic faith: Highlight its ability to provide meaning and purpose.

10. Gently invite others to take small steps to deepen their relationship with God and the Church: Offer suggestions for prayer, reading, or attending Mass.

Moving Forward:

Understanding your primary evangelization style(s) can help you identify specific and practical ways to engage in the mission of evangelization and renewal within your parish and community. Consider the "Ten Ways to Engage" outlined in the provided text for the profile(s) you most identify with. Remember that God provides the grace and gifts necessary for this important work. Embrace your unique role and contribute to the vibrant mission of the Church!