

Bring One Back to Church

Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth.” But Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “***Come and see.***” (Jn 1:45-46)

Philip brought Bartholomew to Jesus, and Andrew brought the Greeks to Christ. During this Lent, I invite you to practice this simple yet powerful ‘spiritual work of mercy’:

‘Bring one person back to Church; Come to Church with Plus One.’

Many hearts are quietly longing for God but are waiting for an invitation. Your personal welcome may be the gentle nudge that opens the door to grace, healing, and renewal. You do not need to have the perfect words – your presence and your invitation are enough.

The following steps are highly recommended:

- Engage more deeply in prayer, penance, fasting, and personal sacrifice.
- Seek to know, understand, and be firmly grounded in our Catholic faith.
- Plant seeds of faith by sending a letter, giving a card or book, or sharing a helpful YouTube link.
- Engage in meaningful conversations, especially by listening attentively.
- Extend an invitation to a parish event such as a coffee social, the Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration or Mass.
- Discern their needs—whether they are seeking Confession, faith sharing, conversation with a faith-filled parishioner or a visit with a priest.

God invites you to bring back the lost sheep. He desires you to be His hands, His heart, and His voice.

Will you undertake this spiritual work of mercy during this Lent?