Resources for Reaching Inactive Catholics

www.awakeningfaith.org. DeSiano, Rev. Frank CSP, and Rev. Kenneth Boyack, CSP. *Awakening Faith: Reconnecting with Your Catholic Faith* small group process that helps inactive Catholics return to the Church. The group meets once a week for six weeks of conversation and socializing. The conversations are based on short, easy to read essays.


________________________. *Christmas Carol Festival: A New Way to Reach Inactive Catholics!* www.christmascarolfestival.com. Princeton, NJ: www.catholicevangelizer.com, 2008. (609) 452-8954, e-mail: tmfboucher@gmail.com. This project helps inactive Catholics connect with our Christian heritage, with the Church, and with Jesus Christ through caroling in the weeks before and after Christmas. Resources include a *Christmas Carol Festival Guidebook*, training CD and online video resources!

________________________. *Engage Inactive Catholics: An E-Workbook—Evangelization Workout Series*. tmfboucher@gmail.com. Individuals, staffs, ministries, and small group evangelization exercises to help us learn new skills in reaching inactive Catholics every day.


________________________. *Praying for Our Adult Sons and Daughters: Placing Them in the Heart of God*. Washington, DC: Word Among Us Press, 2012. http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/praying-for-our-adult-sons-and-daughters-john-boucher/1104530746. You do not stop being a mom or a dad. So when our children become adults, we still worry about them and want to care for them. One way we can still care for them is to lift them up in prayer. When we do so, Gods love for them and for us is unleashed.

CatholicsComeHome.org at www.catholicscomehome.org or www.CatolicosRegresen.org. Welcoming ministry (English or Spanish) Website for learning about the Catholic faith, in a loving, non-judgmental atmosphere. Many resources, effective TV ads and steps for finding an RCIA program and/or local parish.


www.catholicsreturninghome.org: A Ministry of Compassion and Reconciliation. “Catholics Returning Home” (CRH) is a parish based program designed to reach-out and invite non-practicing/inactive Catholics to return “Home to the Catholic Church” and resume active practice of their faith.


*Doctrinal Note on Some Aspects of Evangelization*. Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. December 14, 2007. Every person has the right to hear the “Good News” of salvation. Every Christian has the corresponding duty to help people meet Jesus Christ. Relativism, interreligious dialogue and ecumenism were other topics are treated. http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20071203_nota-evangelizzazione_en.html.


Dyck, Drew. *Generation Ex-Christian: Why Young Adults are Leaving the Faith…And How to Bring Them Back*. Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2010. 820 N. LaSalle Blvd., Chicago, IL 60610. From an evangelical Christian, this provides recent research on young adults, including: very practical insights, with interviews with those who have left churches, and compassionate ways to reach the different groups among them. Read a free chapter at http://www.drewdyck.com/.


Evangelization in the Modern World, Go Make Disciples, Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the lives of the Saints. Offers six training sessions with information, personal reflection, small-group sharing and prayer.


Landings: A Ministry of Reconciliation. Paulist Fathers. [http://www.landings-international.org](http://www.landings-international.org). Contact: Anna LaNave, 202-269-2550, E-mail: landingsdc@yahoo.com. Parish-based small group (8 - 10 week) process that empowers us to welcome returning Catholics.


Mews, Sally L. Catholics Continuing the Journey: A Faith-Sharing Program for Small Groups. Liguori, MO: Liguori Press, 2006. [www.liguori.org](http://www.liguori.org). This six-week program, originally designed to help people grow in their faith after returning to the Church, is an excellent reflection tool for any study group in the parish setting.


New Movers List Program. Paulist Paulist Evangelization Ministries. (202) 832-5022, www.pncea.org. E-mail: pncea@pncea.org. Reach out to newcomers via zip codes. New mailing lists provided monthly.


Sacraments Today: Belief and Practice Among U. S. Catholics—Executive Summary 2008 http://cara.georgetown.edu/sacramentsesum.pdf. Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, Georgetown University about percentages of Catholic practicing their faith today. Note: only 23% come to Mass regularly on Sunday and only 12% come to Mass on Holidays (other than Christmas, Easter, Ash Wednesday, etc.)

