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Thank you to our priests, parish staff, parishioners, & organizers, Lamar Advertising, & The Aiken Chamber of Commerce, etc.) for supporting and hosting this open house at the Aiken's Makin Event.

- Tips for Witnessing one on one
- Can I do this? Absolutely!
- Anchor Points
- Material being used at this event
- Church Tours
- Items Available for Event
- Layout of Event [see NancyRegets](#)
- Housekeeping

- Verify Times, Places and Volunteer Work Schedule for Event via e-mail.

If you have any questions before the day of the Event, please don't hesitate to call or email.

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1) Why Evangelize anyway? And really.....Why Me?

- To bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others.
- To invite all people in the United States, whatever their social or cultural background, to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ so they may come to join us in the fullness of the Catholic faith.
- To foster gospel values in our society, promoting the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family, and the common good of our society, so that our nation may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ.
(USCCB – Secretariat for Evangelization)

- Articles:

“**Can We Be Saints**” by Frank Duffy, Legion of Mary

“**Uniformity with God’s Will**” by Saint Alphonsus de Ligouri

“**Benedict’s Global Agenda**” by Samuel Gregg (acton institute)

“**If You Want Justice, Work for Chastity**” by Gregory R. Beabout

“**Sharing the Church**” by David Mills

Listen to audio of EWTN show:

“**The Fulfillment of All Desire**” hosted by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ

“**Five Pillars of the Spiritual Life**” hosted by Fr. Robert Spitzer,

SJ

<http://www.ewtn.com/vondemand/audio/intro.asp>

search for title of show or use host’s name to find.

2) My Own Personal Story.....

- How has my faith led me to a closer walk with Jesus Christ? Do I Love Jesus Christ and His Church? Why am I Catholic? How has my faith supported me in my family, etc., and freed me from attachments to the world? How do I still struggle and yet Look to God for all things? In my suffering, loss of a loved-one, etc.?

3) What are we called to do in spreading the Gospel Message

(Evangelizing/Witnessing)

- How do I spread the Good News of the Gospel? How do I live out, in an integrated way, my faith in the world? How do I call to and invite the world to conversion in Christ?
- Do I imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary in her Magnificat, “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.” (Lk 1:38) Do I accept the call to Holiness without exceptions or excuses in my life? Am I open to and do I understand what the Church teaches and believes?

Beforehand:

Pray to be led and called to witness, that is...called into the harvest.

Meditate on the Scriptures, look up and re-read passages in the Catechism.

Make a Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament

~ ~pray for people to be drawn to Christ and Home to his church.

Consider partaking of the Sacrament of Reconciliation to fully open you to the Grace of God.

There are special Penance services at the end of summer here at St. Mary's.

Think about your own personal story in the Church. Jot down a few thoughts so you can clearly and concisely explain to someone else what your story is, when asked.

Make yourself familiar with the material we have on-hand. While using, place a copy into the person's hand as you discuss a point.

During:

Listen well ~ Listen courteisily.

What is the person seeking or needing in asking this question? ****very important****

While Evangelizing: Are you doing this to win the argument or to win someone's heart for Christ?

Share the whole Faith...try not to give your opinion...stick to the teaching of the Church. If you don't know, say so. (Proverbs 3:5-6) Explain that you can request the missing information for them. (Visitor's information sheets will be on clipboards at each site.)

Pray with the people & with and for each other in the Body of Christ.

Relax and Enjoy the visit.

Remember:

The New Evangelization is our job
...But Conversion is the job of the Holy Spirit.

Charismatic Catholic Table will be available outside at this Event Also.

*Material and Forms being used at this event:
Some items available in English & Spanish*

Items Free of Charge to Visitor's:

- 1) Church Bulletin or card with Mass Times, etc. (we will use whatever is available)
- 2) Booklets: Pillar of Fire/Pillar of Truth (available online for English volunteers)
Pure Chastity (available online for English volunteers)
- 3) Pamphlet: Top 10 Questions Catholics Are Asked
- 4) Pamphlet: Top 10 Reasons to Come Back to the Catholic Church
- 5) Pamphlet: Why Be A Catholic?
- 6) Pamphlet: Annulments
- 7) Pamphlet: Mass Etiquette, The Real Presence CD's also
- 8) Pamphlet: Make a Good Confession CD's also
- 9) Pamphlet: First Encyclical of Benedict XVI
- 10) New Pamphlet: Same Sex Marriage
- 11) New Pamphlet: In the Voting Booth *A Catholic's Guide*
- 12) New Pamphlet: Are you Saved?
- 13) Holy Cards, Rosary Pamphlets, Other Misc. Pamphlets, Rosaries, Spanish Bibles, Cassette Tapes & CD's on the Sacraments, Pins, Books, etc.
- 14) Pro-Life and Church Ministry Information Available at Church Sanctuary ONLY.
- 15) Program Packets Pamphlets listing Church Tours and Historical Information at Church Sanctuary ONLY.

Refer visitors: Also Free of Charge

To pray in and see the Church Sanctuary

To take a guided Tour of the Church (times listed on the program available on day of event)

Refer visitors in the Church ONLY: For a Small Donation

Visitors may purchase Catechism books, & misc. books, holy keepsakes, for small donations.

Other Donations will be accepted ...Place \$\$ in marked container inside resource box located at each site, drop off to Nancy Regets after your turn ends.

Items for Volunteer Use ONLY:

~~~~~Please do not give these items away.~~~~~

Forms: Use will be obvious by looking at the forms.

Remember that the church office is open on Friday

i.e. If Visitor requests information that is not available or has a request that you cannot sufficiently fill, please use form to request information.

Visitor's Questionnaire - 2 questions (Will be available in Church Only)

Visitor's Form

Volunteer's Form (comments, concerns, etc.)

\*NOTE\* Please place completed forms into folder located in resource box at each site.

Housekeeping:

Name Tag for Day of Event

Parking Placard for Day of Event/Emergency Contact Info

Bathroom Locations (Smith Hall, Church Office, A&M bathrooms)

Refreshment/Ice Locations (Smith Hall Kitchen and at second location)

Post Event Volunteer Questionnaire

Remember to: *Sit Apart from the Table so people can browse.*

Bring your Bible! Remember to pray with your partner!

Focus yourself outward on the passersby...make eye contact...greet them...

do not immerse yourself in conversation with your partner!

Bring an insulated cup for refreshments

Dress Modestly

Wear Hat if desired

Wear Sunscreen

Wear Sunglasses (please remove when speaking to visitor's)

Please take turns using restrooms so a volunteer is always available for Evangelizing.

It can be either very hot or very cool during this event so bring a sweater or sweatshirt depending on your needs.