

# Cor Session: Evangelizing at Home



There are many details to consider if you want to make your home a center of evangelization. Fr. John Riccardo explained the essentials of the mission to evangelize at home at the end of the *Heart of the Gospel* retreat, but it is worthwhile to consider details beyond what was raised during the retreat.

The main video for this session raises specific, concrete points to think about and discuss regarding the mission to make your home a center of evangelization. The video is meant to be watched from start to finish in one viewing, but it is divided into three parts in case a series of shorter viewings is better for your men. The discussion questions assume the entire video has been watched in one viewing.

This *Cor* session should be offered within a week to a month after the *Heart of the Gospel* retreat, depending on your session cadence. Though it is a direct follow-up to the retreat, men who did not attend the retreat can still find it beneficial and should be welcomed to this *Cor* session. The mission to make one's home into a center of evangelization is for every man in your parish.

## You will need:

- A rosary and rosary guide (#4772) for each participant
- Appropriate A/V equipment

## Cor Key Elements for this session:

- **Prayer:** Begin with the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, then prayerfully read the Scripture verse. Conclude with The Prayer of Pope Francis to Mary, Star of the New Evangelization.
- **Formation:** Watch the session video, [\*Evangelizing at Home\*](#).
- **Fraternity:** Use the session discussion questions to prompt conversation. Add a shared meal or other suitable activity if more fraternal time is desired.

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## Pray:

The Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Read** the following Scripture passage:

*“The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:16-20)*

**Watch:** [Evangelizing at Home](#)

## Additional Prompts for Discussion

1. What specific points from the video most stood out to you? Why?
2. How has the mission to make your home a center of evangelization been going since the time you attended the *Heart of the Gospel* retreat?
3. Have you discussed the mission to make your home a center of evangelization with your family? How do you plan to carry out further conversations?
4. What is the most effective way you can make your home a center of evangelization right now?
5. What are some of the biggest challenges you face trying to carry out this mission?
6. How are you and the men of *Cor* at your parish working together to make your homes centers of evangelization?
7. What sorts of changes to your prayer life are you making to help you carry out this mission? Why?

## Closing Prayer

*The Prayer of Pope Francis to Mary, Star of the New Evangelization, from the Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium.*

Mary, Virgin and Mother, you who, moved by the Holy Spirit, welcomed the word of life in the depths of your humble faith: as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One, help us to say our own “yes” to the urgent call, as pressing as ever, to proclaim the good news of Jesus. Filled with Christ’s presence, you brought joy to John the Baptist, making him exult in the womb of his mother. Brimming over with joy, you sang of the great things done by God. Standing at the foot of the cross with unyielding faith, you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection, and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit so that the evangelizing Church might be born. Obtain for us now a new ardor born of the resurrection, that we may bring to all the Gospel of life which triumphs over death. Give us a holy courage to seek new paths, that the gift of unfading beauty may reach every man and woman. Virgin of listening and contemplation, Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast, pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are, that she may never be closed in on herself or lose her passion for establishing God’s kingdom. Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world. Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God’s little ones, pray for us.

Amen. Alleluia!