

"Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep him for themselves, they must proclaim him."

~Pope John Paul II



The Evangelical Catholic,
in communion with the Catholic Church, labors to inspire
effective and **sustainable renewal**
to campus ministries, parishes and dioceses
around the country.

We strive to make the Church's
mission of evangelization
accessible, natural, and fruitful
for every Catholic
who wants to make a difference in the world
for Christ.

2010-2012
EVANGELIZATION
TRAINING PROGRAM
APPLICATION



HELLO!

Thank you for desiring to work towards the mission of the Church to go and make disciples! This training program with the Evangelical Catholic is a great way for you to grow in your faith, expand your prayer life, challenge yourself, and most importantly, shine the light of Christ on the hearts of many students. Working with the staff of the EC you will learn effective skills for sharing the Gospel on college campuses such as leading a small group, leading one-on-one mentorships, forming student leaders, and participating with a large group ministry. All of these skills are part of the larger lifestyle of an evangelical Catholic.

WHAT IS AN EVANGELICAL CATHOLIC?

- A Catholic Christian committed to living an evangelical life
- Having a spirituality characterized by four marks of evangelical life and movements found throughout the ages:
 - interior conversion
 - a prayer life nurtured in the sacred text (*lectio divina*)
 - intentional Christian community
 - engagement in the evangelical mission of the Church

APPRENTICESHIP

In the *General Directory for Catechesis (GDC)* the Congregation for the Clergy urges Christian leaders to apprentice believers in the practices of discipleship. The *GDC* warns that without Christians receiving this apprenticeship, the whole structure of the Church could collapse. How true this is in ministry! Sadly, the Church is filled with disillusioned ministry leaders and former ministry leaders as a result of inadequate training and formation.

Apprenticeship is a powerful experience of growth through personalized training. Because any craft is much more than what can be taught through explanations and illustrations, this experience-based training is essential to producing a successful craftsperson. This is especially true in the “craft” of ministry. Our call as ministry leaders impels us to make disciples, to care for souls, to pour out our lives as libations, to be all things for all people—to stand firm on the rock that is Christ. This is a tall task—one that requires thorough formation and training.

THE EVANGELIZATION TRAINING PROGRAM

In order to have the time necessary for such formation and training, the Evangelical Catholic offers a two-year training program. It is an opportunity to learn and be trained by established ministry leaders in the work of ministry. For the first year, trainees will work on the UW-Madison campus under the mentorship of the Evangelical Catholic staff.

During the second year of this training program, EC staff will discern with the trainees where they can best serve. An exciting prospect for this second year is the continuation of the EC training program on the trainee’s home campus. In this case, trainees will return to their home campus in August prior to the beginning of the academic year. The EC will support the trainees remotely through weekly conference calls and periodic visits during the year.

If cooperation with the trainee’s home campus is not possible, the EC will work with the trainee to find an alternative placement, either at UW-Madison or on another campus.

We ask that all applicants discern and commit to this 2-year commitment.

TRAINING PROGRAM GOALS

- To be formed in the spirituality and skills necessary for fruitful and sustainable ministry leadership
- To bring about personal growth and maturity by processing experiences and challenges which arise throughout a ministry lifestyle
- To engage college campuses through effective evangelization by one-on-one mentorships, small groups, and large group ministry

TRAINEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- To pour themselves out relationally, reaching out to students and investing considerable amounts of time in the small groups they lead and the mentoring relationships they establish. Their primary responsibilities will be these small groups and one-on-one relationships.
- To work closely with the Evangelical Catholic in its ministry initiatives. This includes helping to train and mentor campus ministry leaders at their annual Evangelization Training Camp and might involve traveling with EC staff to conduct training workshops on other campuses. Therefore, trainees will need to display strong relational abilities along with demonstrated capacities for project coordination and public speaking.
- To participate in the existing ministry at UW Madison, working beside the staff in a unified effort to reach many students

INCOME & EXPENSES

- A \$7200 scholarship from the Evangelical Catholic will cover the cost of the two-year training program itself for accepted applicants.
- To cover their living costs, trainees are responsible for forming a financial support team. To prepare for this, trainees will attend a two-day support-raising workshop and will be given time to raise support before the fall semester begins in September. The Evangelical Catholic will be active in helping trainees raise appropriate funding.
- The Evangelical Catholic will help trainees find an appropriate place to live close to campus.
- The trainees will be responsible for their own health insurance and other living expenses.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 5, 2010: EC Training Program Application Due**
- **June 1, 2010: EC Training Program begins in Madison, WI**
 - Two weeks of formation in theology and ministry
- **June 15-16: Support Raising Training Seminar (Nashville, TN)**
 - After gaining a greater sense of their mission for the year, trainees will learn the practice of support raising at this Nashville workshop
- **August 4-8, 2010: EC Evangelization Training Camp in Wisconsin (will assist training)**

- **May 9-14, 2010: EC Evangelization Training Camp in North Carolina**
- **May 16-21, 2010: EC Evangelization Training Camp in Massachusetts**
 - Trainees will attend one of these camps as they will lay important groundwork in preparation for the training program. All expenses will be paid.

APPLICATION – DUE MARCH 5, 2010

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Address:

Major:

ALONG WITH ESSAYS, PLEASE INCLUDE:

- 4-page single-spaced autobiography (can be less), paying special attention to the journey involved in your spiritual awakening and formation.
- Professional resume that includes your education, employment, and volunteer experience.
- Two character references from people who know you well.
- **Please send all of these documents and this completed application, electronically or by mail to:**

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The Evangelical Catholic
723 State Street
Madison, WI 53703

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Please answer the essay questions below. You can fill them out on this form, or if you need more space, in a separate document. Please include the questions along with your answers if you choose to use a separate document. Send to the address (or email address) above.

1. Will you commit to this training program for 2 years (spending the first year in Madison, Wisconsin and possibly moving to a different campus for year 2)?

Yes

No

2. What is drawing you to fill-out this application?

3. What has been your involvement in your campus ministry?

4. Have you been involved with any other ministries besides your campus ministry? (youth ministry, home parish, etc.) If so, how?

5. Please describe your prayer life.

6. Please describe your sacramental life. Why is it important to you?

7. Please describe your experience with the Scriptures.

8. What are some of your gifts for ministry? Please give two examples of how you have used them.