

## Starting Today ... Two Things You Must Do

It's Sunday so you if you haven't gone to Mass please go, Jesus is waiting for you. Don't disappoint him. Don't disappoint yourself! But even if you have gone to Mass there is more that you must do.

Just going to Mass is not enough. It never was, but today it's even more important to be proactive in your parish. So starting today there are two things you must do.

First, next Sunday bring a friend to Mass with you. No, I don't mean carpool. I mean bring someone with you who hasn't been going to Mass. Who hasn't seen the inside of Church in a long time. We all know friends who need to "Come Home" to the Church. Don't wait until next Sunday to ask them. Call them today. Make an appointment with them, make it a date, treat it like an exciting event. After all, weekly Mass should be the most exciting and important event of the week.

Can you appreciate the huge impact if we all brought just one more friend to Mass? There would be more prayers to help solve our world's problems. More collections money to care for the sick feed the hungry. Most importantly your friend would have taken big step on the path to Coming Home. Help a friend or loved one Come Home. Help them, and you help yourself. And all of us.

Second, don't limit your participation in your Faith to the time you spend at Mass. Get involved. Do one thing this coming week to participate in your parish. And I don't mean an extra \$5 in the collection. I mean attend an event, prayer service or help at the food pantry or visit the homeless.

Things are past the point where we can afford not to get involved. The critical issues confronting Catholics and Christians are no longer world news they are local news impacting your hometown. Infringement on our rights to pray and worship without persecution. Being forced to support sinful government programs in fear, under threat of prosecution. Runaway addiction and drug abuse. Human trafficking of children and runaways. An explosion of terrorism and crimes of violence.

How long can you afford to sit on the sidelines and not get involved? What sounds like a trite cliché has now become truth ... *if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem.* We Catholics must act. We must stand up, be counted and be heard. Start today. Be part of the solution.

**I thank the many people who follow my weekly thoughts. Spreading the word is one way to help Catholics Come Home. If your Parish needs more people attending Mass, participating in events, attending prayer services, and making more donations, one of the most effective, efficient, and economical, tools is e-Communication. Please click the button/link at the top of every page to learn about FaithActions, e-Communication for the New e-Vangelization.**

**Forward this to everyone you know. We all know someone who needs help! [www.JesusCanHelp.us](http://www.JesusCanHelp.us)**