

# Casual Evangelization

## Spiritual Mission: Fishers of Men

### (Feast of St Andrew)

#### **Goal: Our call as men in living our spiritual mission**

Today, we honor one of the Apostles: Saint Andrew. Andrew and his brother Peter were fishermen who would soon take on a new form of fishing. They would soon become “fishers of men,” as Jesus said. But prior to being sent on this mission by our Lord, they had to become His followers. As we begin this Advent season, we must allow the call of Andrew and Peter to also become our own calling. The beginning of Advent is an opportunity to evaluate your responsiveness to the call of our Lord once again.

#### **Opening Prayer**

Heavenly Father, You are great, You are almighty.

Thank You for all you do.

Thank You for giving us the desire and the heart to be here.

May You help us open our hearts to You.

May You be here to guide us in our conversation.

May we recognize the life of Jesus and model our lives like Him.

May we recognize each others' lives to help support their growth, to be here for one another and to have confidence in our fraternity.

Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts in this moment.

Amen

#### **The Call of the First Disciples (Matthew 4: 18-22)**

As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,

Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew,

casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen.

He said to them,

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

At once they left their nets and followed him.

He walked along from there and saw two other brothers,

James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.

They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets.

He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

*Reread in silence and reflect on the words in these readings. Consider: first Jesus “saw” them, and then He called them.*

What word or phrase do you feel God is drawing you to?

These apostles said yes even though they did not immediately understand what all this would entail. Have you said Yes with all your heart or have you set conditions with God in order to say Yes to Him?

God yearns for you to follow Him, to abandon all else so to hear His invitation to not only follow Him, but to then go invite others on the journey of faith. Who does Jesus want to draw Himself through you?

*To “come after” Jesus is to leave all else behind and to make the act of following our Lord the single purpose of your life. This is an invitation that must permeate every aspect of your life.*

### **Commitment/ Action Plan**

This Advent Season, I will commit to

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Pray for \_\_\_\_\_ who Jesus wants to use you to draw closer to him.

This week, let us will pray for: