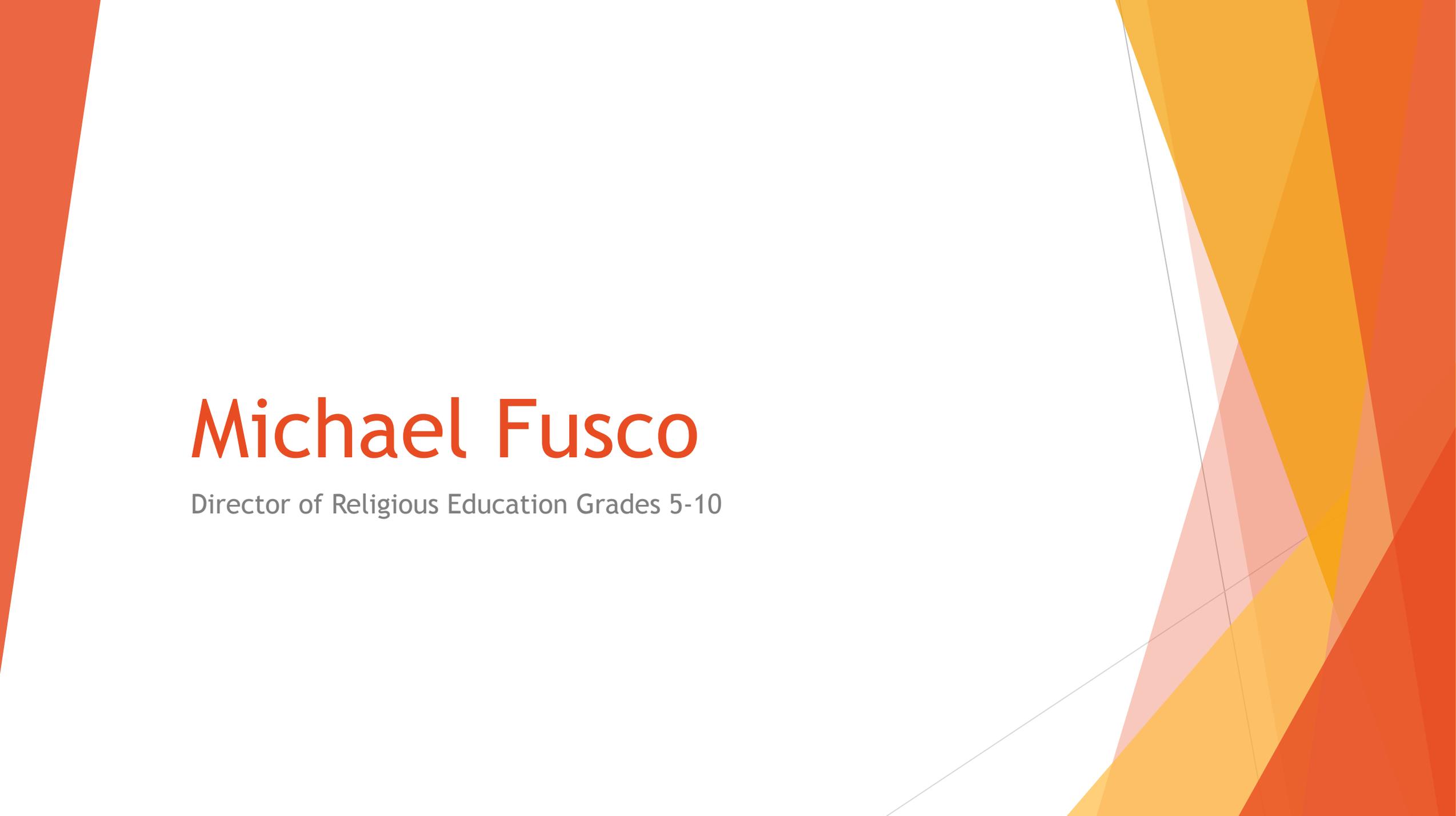


Spotlight Lesson 3
Saint Helen's Grades 5-8
What is a Missionary
Disciple and how you
can be one!

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Welcome and Rules for Livestream

- ▶ Have Fun!!
- ▶ Learn something from this event
- ▶ The chat room is to be used sparingly. You are welcomed to greet each other but during the session we request that it not be used unless we ask you to use it.
- ▶ Chat will be monitored by Saint Helen's staff
- ▶ Feel free to pass this along to others for their use. You can watch as many times as you like!

Opening Prayer

- ▶ Heavenly Father,
pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words from Holy Scripture.
- ▶ Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith
and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ
so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News.
- ▶ Open my heart to hear the Gospel
and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others.
- ▶ Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth
and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions.

In moments of hesitation, remind me:
If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel?
If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?
If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim?
God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit
I might hear the call of the New Evangelization to
deepen my faith,
grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel
and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus
Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Goals of the Lesson

- ▶ Learn what a *Missionary Disciple* is.
- ▶ To learn more about evangelization.
- ▶ How you can bring others closer to Christ.

Missionary Disciple and Evangelization

- ▶ Mission: Mission is your life. All of us are called to be a missionary disciple. To go out and live like Christ. To tell others about the saving message of Jesus.
- ▶ To be Christ in the world
- ▶ Sounds easy right?? Yes and No

What is Evangelization?

- ▶ Bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. At its essence are the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, which are both works of the Spirit of God.
- ▶ Evangelization must always be directly connected to the Lord Jesus Christ. "There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the Kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed.
- ▶ USCCB on Evangelization

Why do we Evangelize?

- ▶ We must evangelize because the Lord Jesus commanded us to do so. He gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power, to stir and to stimulate all its actions until all nations have heard his Good News and until every person has become his disciple.
- ▶ The Lord commanded us to evangelize because salvation is offered to every person in him.
- ▶ Jesus addresses in himself, in his death and resurrection, the brokenness of our lives. He suffers through our sin; he feels our pain; he knows the thirst of our death; he accepts the limits of our human life so that he might bring us beyond those limits.
- ▶ Taking on our death as Savior, Jesus was raised to life. In Christ, all can come to know that the sin, the coldness, the indifference, the despair, and the doubt of our lives are overcome by God's taking on our human nature and leading us to new life. In him, and him alone, is the promise of resurrection and new life.
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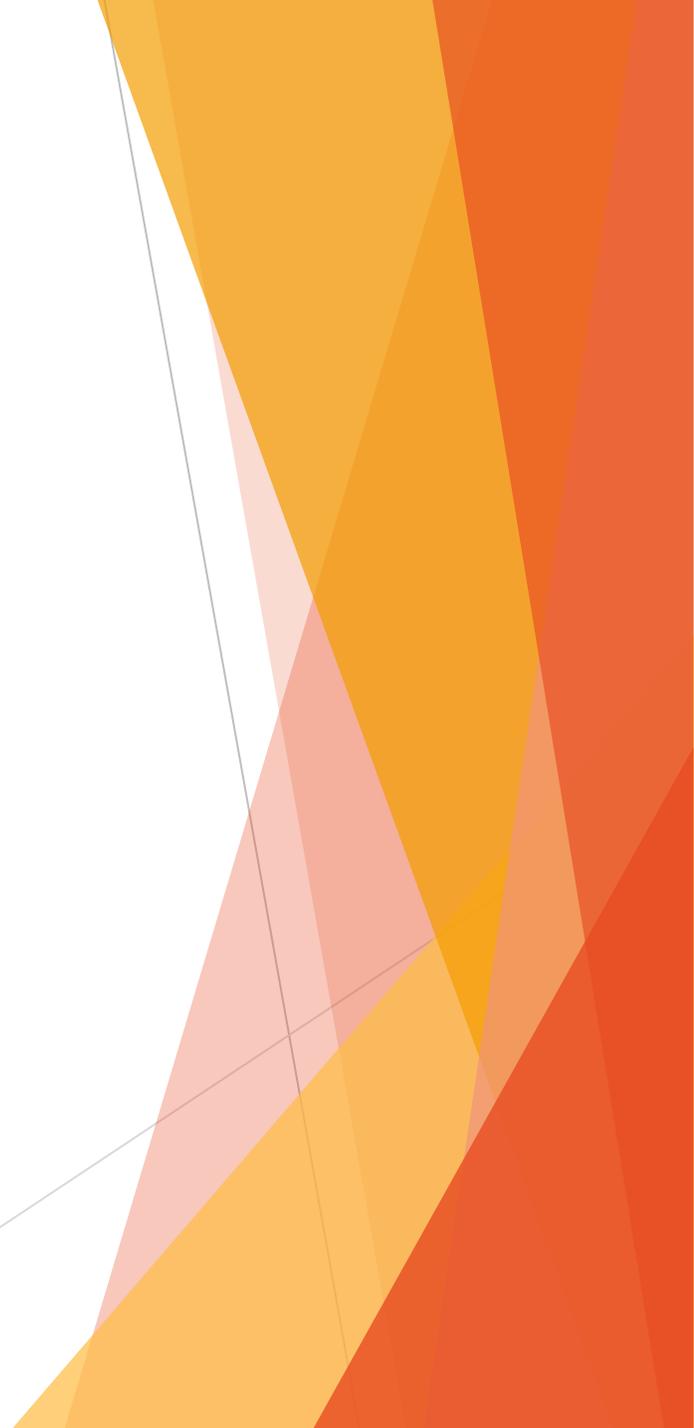
How do we Evangelize?

- ▶ Witness - The simple living of the faith
- ▶ Sharing - which is the spreading of the Good News of Jesus in an explicit way.
- ▶ Inviting - Invite others to experience their faith through mass, the sacraments and service.

Evangelization Roadblocks

- ▶ We can begin to see ourselves as the teacher, rather than the student. We can easily view ourselves as someone standing on a stage trying to help others onto it.
- ▶ Evangelization is only effective when we remember that we are on the same journey as everyone else. If we truly desire to spread the Good News, we must be committed to our own spiritual growth.
- ▶ Evangelization is walking and journeying with others on the path that leads to Christ, not standing ahead of them and calling them to us from a distance.
- ▶ We can only share the Good News when we ourselves have come to believe it and see it as good news. We can only invite others into relationship with God if we ourselves are already living that relationship out in our daily life.

Interview with Vincent Alesi and Jayne Ritter



Questions for Today

1. Do your friends lead you to holiness or away from holiness? Do you lead your friends toward holiness?
2. What are some things you can do to help your friends to grow in faith and live lives of faith?
3. Who in your life is especially in need of God?
4. What aspects of the faith do you feel comfortable explaining and sharing with others?
5. What aspects of the faith are you the least comfortable explaining or sharing with others? (Prayer, Mass, Sacraments etc.)
6. What are ways we can be like Christ and love people while leading them to holiness?
7. Do you have a role model of faith? Who are they and why are they a role model?
8. What is one way you can invite others to know Jesus better?

Scripture Reflection

- ▶ Read the scripture
- ▶ Close your eyes and try and think about what this passage is saying to you.
- ▶ Read the scripture again and ask yourself how you can respond to this
- ▶ Have a short discussion on the scripture passage with a family member or person in your group.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. [Matthew 5:15-16](#)

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age. [Matthew 28:19-20](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMLYBvmMbPE>

The Do's and Don'ts of Evangelization

LifeTeen Video

Wins and Spins

- ▶ Sit with your parents or the people in your group. Think about one really-good thing that happened to you today. (A Win)
- ▶ Type your “Win” for the day in the chat or talk with your parents about it.
- ▶ Think about one thing that did not go your way today or a mistake you made or something that made you feel sad, anxious or just not right.
- ▶ Each person will talk about their situation and then give advise to each other on how to Spin their bad situation into something positive or what they can learn from that situation
- ▶ TIP - Use the term “What Would Jesus Do” to help you when making suggestions to each other. Also think about a piece of scripture that may help someone with their situation.

Closing Prayer

- ▶ Lord, when you called Abraham, he responded, “Ready”
When you called Isaiah, he answered, “Here I am Lord.”
When the angel Gabriel called out to Mary, she responded,
“I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word.”
- ▶ Lord, I hear you calling my name.
I hear you entrusting me with the task of building your kingdom.
Like those holy men and women who have gone before me, I give you my ‘yes’!
- ▶ I will go anywhere you want me to go.
I will do anything you want me to do.
I will say anything you want me to say.
- ▶ Holy Spirit I welcome you and ask you to guide me.
Form in me an apostle’s heart filled with love for Christ and zeal for souls.
I will commit myself with courage and generosity to the New Evangelization.
I will build brick-by-brick, the city of God inside the city of man.
- ▶ Amen

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