Me? Proclaim the Gospel—are you serious? Have **YOU** ever been asked to evangelize? Join us for the first **GIFT** session of this year of the Authentic Life of Faithfulness

# Sunday September 7

or

## Monday September 8

As we explore



# Proclaiming Our Faithfulness: Evangelization

## Featuring Nancie Chmielewski as our Adult Presenter

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 ${\it G}{\it IFT}$  is for all parishioners, regardless of age, gender,

marital, household or life situation.

We are all life long learners!

## Some Thoughts to Ponder...

#### Evangelization?? I thought that was for Protestants!

- "Therefore, evangelization, "bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation" (GMD 10) means permitting Christ to continue *in us* his ministry of gathering the world into his saving embrace." http://www.phillyevang.org/evangelization/
- "Love in action" [Leslie Lynch]

#### Me? Proclaim? How? Why?

The story of God's Love *must* be told.

"God's method for drawing others into life with him is by *revealing his love*. If we are to be effective evangelists, we must do as God himself has done. Evangelization is not first about techniques and programs. It is first about holiness. We ourselves must undergo a life of continual conversion, of discipleship in Christ through the life of the Church, so that we will be filled more and more with Christ's love. Then, with Christ, we allow the light of that love to shine wherever we go, in action and in word. We do so trusting that in the heart of every man there lies an innate desire for this love, which will attract the heart of man and draw him to Christ. This is the basic form of evangelization, revealed to us by God Himself." http://www.phillyevang.org/evangelization/

### Okay, what would Jesus do?? [Mt 10:7-14]

Jesus said to his Apostles:

"As you go, make this proclamation:

'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons.

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

Do not take gold or silver or copper for your belts;

no sack for the journey, or a second tunic, or sandals, or walking stick.

The laborer deserves his keep.

Whatever town or village you enter, look for a worthy person in it, and stay there until you leave. As you enter a house, wish it peace.

If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you.

Whoever will not receive you or listen to your words ---

go outside that house or town and shake the dust from your feet."



