



Door-to-Door Mission Sample Program

(Insert Name of Your Parish) Outreach Mission

When: Saturday, (insert date here)

Where: (insert meeting location)

Time: 9:00 AM

Register: (XXX) XXX-XXXX, Jane Doe

As a follow up to the Catholics Come Home® campaign, *(Insert Pastor's Name)* has requested parish members to participate in a Saturday one day mission devoted to person to person outreach to our surrounding community. Due to the down-turn in our economy, many people are suffering, and we have a unique opportunity to reach out and show compassion for our brothers and sisters in need. We plan to gather Saturday, (insert date here) beginning at 9:00AM for mandatory training followed by a Spirit-filled day gathering petitions from our neighbors in need of prayer. These prayer petitions will be brought to the altar at the 4:30PM Vigil Mass that afternoon. We encourage singles, teens, couples and families to participate in this event. Don't worry if you have never experienced an outreach mission before, you will be paired with experienced missionaries as team leaders. It is a great experience which allows us to live our faith with our neighbors. And if you can't stay for the whole day, come for the part that you can! Please call Jane Doe to register at (XXX) XXX-XXXX.

(Insert Name of Your Parish) **Door-to Door Mission Proposal**

Target Date: Saturday, (insert date here)

Tentative Schedule:

- 7:30AM Coordinating Team arrive at church to set up
- 8:30AM Optional Mass for those that choose to attend
- 9:00AM Training
- 10:00AM Commissioning of missionaries and Sent out
 - brown bag lunch/snacks/water brought by each missionary
- 3:00PM Return to parish for snacks, drinks and freshening up
 - Share stories about the mission
 - Fill out questionnaire on the experience
 - Write down prayer requests to take back to personal Holy Hour
- 4:30PM Vigil Mass with the parish
 - Bring up the prayer requests gathered and place in front of the altar

Sample of what the missionaries will say at the door:

We are from (insert your parish name) and we are out in your neighborhood collecting prayer requests. We will take your prayer requests back to the church and offer prayers for your intentions today. So how can we pray for you today?

Questions you might ask your pastor:

Can we approach the various parish ministries to ask for volunteers?

Can we do pulpit announcements & bulletin announcements to let parishioners know what (insert your parish name) is doing and to ask for prayers and volunteers?

Is there a priest from (insert your parish name) that would be available to offer a blessing for the missionaries at 10:00 AM on the day of the mission?

How to Map Parish Area:

1. Obtain the address of one of your parishioners for each neighborhood you will visit.
2. Use MapQuest to print directions from the church to that neighborhood.
3. Print a map which includes all the streets in that neighborhood.
4. Based on the size of each neighborhood, print copies of the above information. If the neighborhood is very large, assign 4 groups of missionaries to that neighborhood. If the neighborhood is smaller, assign only 2 groups.
5. Always have at least 2 persons go to the door together, based on the passage from scripture which tells us that Jesus sent his disciples out 2 by 2.
6. Ask the missionaries to mark on their maps the streets they visited so if further missions take place, you will not repeat the same neighborhoods.
7. When the missionaries return to the church, collect the maps.