

Assignment

Option #1 (Preferred) **Write a short, convincing witness talk.**

Imagine that your pastor has asked you to present a 3 minute witness talk (a personal story of faith from your life) at the upcoming parish retreat. Those at the retreat are average parishioners who have never been exposed to this kind of sincere and explicit faith sharing, so he is inviting you to show others how to articulate the action of the Holy Spirit in one's life. Please follow the guidelines stated below. Some considerations:

1. Your faith story does not have to be dramatic, but it does need to be YOURS
2. Keep it concise and focused! Follow these guidelines:
 - 1st minute – a picture of where you were; your life before encountering Christ in a meaningful way
 - 2nd minute – decision point; experience of encounter/conversion/surrender; where/how your life changed
 - 3rd minute – a picture of your life now; how has your life been transformed?
3. Make sure it incorporates an explicit proclamation of Jesus Christ and his impact on your life.

Option #2 Explain How Your Ministry is Evangelizing

If the basic mission of the Church is to evangelize, then every ministry must, by definition, be an evangelizing ministry. Take a careful and searching look at your own involvement in pastoral ministry. In what way is your ministry evangelizing? You may want to consider some or all of these questions as you prepare your response:

1. How is my faith / ministry furthering the goals of GAMD?
2. When do I most experience myself as a disciple?
3. How does being a disciple make me feel in terms of my responsibilities to others, to the Church, to God?
4. How would I describe myself as a witness to Jesus Christ?
5. Do I invite people to faith tactfully, with respect and gentleness, with care for their needs?
6. Do I invite people to experience Christ in his community of faith?

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