

EXTERNAL MISSION IDEAS

Church Militant is, of course, in total agreement with St. James' admonition that "faith without works is dead."

For this reason, we created The Resistance to not *only* focus on spiritual growth, but external actions as well. External actions, focused on bringing about faithful change, are a necessity.

The following agenda presents some examples to assist you in accomplishing this goal. If you need any assistance in enacting these strategies or others, don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Use unconventional strategies - *Do not be afraid*

History tells us that a culture, a civilization which took millennia to be built has been lost in a couple of generations. The spirit of not wanting to offend, of "being nice," prevents the transmission of the *fullness* of the truth. Do not be afraid to go against the prevailing tide, to buck the "way things are done" by changing your tone or your approach.

Organize - *Victory loves preparation*

Get together with groups of like-minded people - connect with your local chapter. It's easier to bring about change when you are united with others around the truth. Voices are amplified when aggregated. Only when you have numbers will you have a chance at causing significant changes to be made. Plan your approach during meetings and in correspondence. Victory loves preparation.

Ask questions about the capabilities of your members. Are there any lawyers, doctors, book worms, historians? By assessing your group, you can utilize your strengths to save the Church. Think Matthew 25:14-30.

Lobby within your (arch)diocese - *Lay out your concerns*

Call the chancery or parish, issuing a letter citing concerns and/or circulating a petition of support. Don't allow a heterodox priest to continue making statements that contradict Church teaching, or present an ambiguous picture of truth. Truth is *always* clear. Calling allows you to speak directly with authority. For example, "On

behalf of myself and X, we want to lay out our concerns about Y because of reasons W and Z.”

Consider a petition as the next step. Signatures can be attached to a hand-written, theologically and legally air-tight letter describing concerns, potential outcomes, accountability, etc. This communicates you want change and will follow through in an organized, public manner.

Church Militant can connect you to solid canon lawyers. Calling upon a strong canonist will generally help resolve your issue.

EXAMPLE: Church Militant Resistance of Cleveland wants parishes to reinstate the St. Michael Prayer at the end of Mass. They map out the diocese and split up calls/visits to members within the group. After members are assigned parishes, they contact parishes with the prepared information as to why the St. Michael Prayer is so important in saving our dying culture.

Take control - *Improve the Church from within*

Join your parish council. By joining a board in your parish, you assume the responsibility and subsequent authority to have a say in certain matters.

For example, review boards within dioceses throughout Illinois have been assembled to address the Wuhan virus pandemic. By being on these boards, you have the opportunity to influence fellow members and prevent restrictions such as the refusal of Holy Communion on the tongue or the maintaining of honest finances. Don't allow the proactive progressives to keep control of the reins.

Be conversant in truth - *Have a good working knowledge*

Being a part of the Resistance means you need to be comfortable with speaking with and even correcting those who oppose Catholic teaching. You have to ensure you have a good working knowledge of the One True Faith.

If you speak with someone who is not Catholic, you need to provide concise information. Lay out cogent, incontrovertible arguments/syllogisms. Some Resistance members may need help. Be sure to offer any assistance they ask for or

need. Substantial preparation is needed, and those who are confident in their knowledge and speaking skills can be on the front lines.

Be aware of strategic locations where you can preach. Church Militant has hundreds of hours of content via programs such as “[Basic Training](#)” and “[Fidei Defensor](#)” to help you prepare for battle. We recommend you work with and gain insight from [St. Paul Street Evangelization](#) and other veteran mission leaders.

Spread the truth - *Commit to personal action*

Corrupt clergy need to know you are aware and taking action. Use the “Stephen Brady Approach.” Distribute flyers. Stand outside of Mass with signs that directly call out the issue. Inform by placing flyers/pamphlets on cars at parishes or distributing content at any Catholic-related event. Hand them out in person while engaging in conversation. Go to large, public gatherings like marches/state fairs/festivals/etc. at entry/exit points. Even if only a few review your literature, the effort is worthwhile. These documents need to be eye-catching with captivating information, but not a novel – no one will read it. Feel free to collaborate with Church Militant on any literature you wish to share.

Keep “ears to the ground” - *Be aware to connect the dots*

Whether we like it or not, there are unfaithful Catholics (priests, bishops, deacons, council members, etc.) in many of our parishes. Resistance members can compile a strong case to convince a bishop, priest or parish to take action or initiate a Church Militant Special Report exposing the corruption.

Local investigations, even with collaboration, require a person to be able to keep his wits about him at all times. It is necessary to be able to connect dots and read between lines. Stay up on Catholic news and know your theology by consuming appropriate Church Militant content.

As an informal extension of the apostolate, you’ll need to be prepared to speak to who we are and what we do. Much of the Church Militant video content contains footnotes and sources that show where Church Militant did its research. Understand how the stories are put together and think from that “60,000-foot view.”

If you have access to different social media platforms or a blog, these are great ways to get information out efficiently. Ensure the sources are reliable, truly Catholic and easy to follow.

Share Church Militant content and don't be afraid to create your own original posts. If you post a link to a CM piece, offer context or commentary. Share your opinion, ask a question, or make a claim that sparks conversation. **Be aware that Church Militant does not support the denial of the validity of the Francis papacy. Withhold any such comments. Any posts claiming association with Church Militant on a position or assertion must be cleared with CM before publishing.**

Attend public events - *Hit the streets*

Remember, a chief goal of the Resistance is to meet like-minded Catholics to grow as a spiritual community. Attend different events and make a concerted effort to get the whole group involved. You want to be well represented – there is power in numbers. Events to attend include a local March For Life, Rosary rallies or conferences.

Partnering with other Catholic-related organizations will elevate your group. Your presence will permeate throughout the community, gain more power to lobby and, hopefully, recruit people in the process. Consider working with local charities (soup kitchens, homeless shelters, pregnancy care centers, foster homes), Newman Centers and Theology on Tap. Newman Centers are Catholic centers for college students at secular schools. The students who frequent them tend to have traditional mindsets and are very focused in their faith. Offer to be a guest speaker and share handouts. Theology on Tap is a meeting for Catholics in their 20s–30s to discuss theology. Try to be a guest speaker here as well, and sit in on a meeting to learn. Both the Newman Centers and Theology On Tap are nationwide. You need to be recruiting from those pools of young adults. They are integral for the Resistance and the future of our Church. This is a battle for minds.

Your involvement in these events not only help you and the group, but they help those in attendance. Often, guest speakers touch on esoteric, weak content that doesn't highlight the real issues of today. As a Catholic, push the limits. Don't be afraid to make people feel uncomfortable or to present an unpopular truth. This is, in fact, a prerequisite for salvation.

Attend educational events - *Stimulate your intellect to feed your soul*

The spiritual life is dynamic, not static. If you are not growing in your faith, you are decreasing. Go to your local retreat or men's/women's conference, ensuring, of course, they are completely faithful to the Church. Many parishes have guest speakers or special talks given by their pastors. If yours doesn't, schedule one. We need to be constantly striving for sainthood through intellectual and spiritual growth.

"Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them." (Matthew 7:15-20)

Lead every day - *Align your will with Christ's*

This final mission is easily done. You do not need a notebook, money, megaphone or master's degree. You only need your will. Lead by example. Be the man or woman God calls you to be. Strive each day for holiness, and you will change the hearts of many without even knowing it. When we live our lives for Christ, we publicly engage (unconsciously) in the battle against evil. Like the movie *Gladiator*, we become Maximus and all socially accepted evils become the emperor. Live life as if you were in a spiritual colosseum, except this colosseum has only one spectator: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.