



MASS IMPACT: QUARTERLY REPORT and INVITATION

Right now I know you can think of at least one person in need of more fully knowing God's love. Please don't simply pray for them. Please invite them to join you for our special RE-IGNITE at Holy Trinity (Gym) on Wednesday, July 31, 6:30p. ([FREE REG](#) - see attached graphic and please share / post!) If nothing else, please share this invitation. It's going to be an impactful evening.

The rest of this note is a periodic update on our unveiling work with Mass Impact. How the Holy Spirit is leading us in some amazing ways. As always, it's in the context of what many of us Catholic parents are experiencing in this truly epic moment in human history. If we don't get the human cue, we ought to get the divine cue. Our Blessed Mother has appeared more in the past century than any other time in history. Her appearances pronounce God's great desire for us to look upon our ordinary world from the perspective of eternity. In sum, our eternal salvation is on the line. For ourselves, our families and our world we have no greater responsibility. No greater measure of our purpose on this earth.

And we can no longer hold back.

This is our moment. Because the world around us is dry kindling. Because the vast majority of our friends, co-workers, classmates and neighbors are not seeking God's grace. They are lost. Languishing. Looking. And the answer? In so many words, a good number of pastors have admitted: "Too many of us are burned out from a culture bent more on making Catholic program junkies than in making disciples. Too many of us are having territory taken versus taking territory." And Catholic parents? In our honest moments, we are lamenting the fact that even our best Catholic institutions are not immune from toxicity. More than simply lacking life-engagement resulting in compelling witness, many are exposed to "grave matter."

Here's the big turn. Whatever fingers we may want to point at deficiencies *outside our homes*, no president, pope, principal or pastor can replace our appointing and anointing as parents *within our homes*. The arrow is pointing at *us*.

In fact, this email was largely inspired by a homily given by a very good pastor just a few weeks ago: "The early church began in homes... and it will likely end in homes before Christ returns."

The good news: As a movement, we've never experienced greater traction. In the past two months alone over 75,000 throughout the United States accessed Mass Impact content. Most importantly, more than ever families are putting the flag in the sand of their homes. They're making their homes places of ever-deepening encounter with Jesus Christ. They're rediscovering their own beautiful, powerful capacity to form their children to know, own and live a vibrant faith. They're committing to Live IT. Specifically, they're engaged in [Mission One](#).

This success story is being beautifully proclaimed by the likes of the Banars, Daniels, Huntebrinkers and Humasons... four families on the seven-week journey featured on our [Family Road Trip Podcast](#). Weekly episodes are broadcast on IGNITE Radio Live. It's so moving to hear their inspiring stories of intra-family forgiveness, apology, reflection, sharing... and just plain *connectedness*! God's desire for each of our families!

Also, last month we launched [Pentecost 90](#). It's an effort to ignite men in everyday faith. To help them breach the great chasm between merely knowing and professing it to actually living it. In the most basic, ongoing ways. Out of the gates, numerous national leaders jumped on board in public support... including Fort Wayne-South Bend

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Patrick Coffin, Fr. Nathan Cromly, Peter Herbeck, Ralph Martin, Fr. John Riccardo, Bob Schuchts, Tim Staples, Fr. Mathias Thelen and others.

If you're a Catholic man earnestly desiring to live it everyday, looking to be united with other men doing the same, today is your day. Now is your time. Go there and join us.

[Women, stay tuned for something similar coming for you! In the meantime, pray for the men. Get your husbands, dads and sons in the game!]

At the core, remaining vitally committed to our respective parishes, we are a growing community of mission-purposed families,

The strategic process begins with engaging select couples in a "Mission One" weekend retreat. These are then inaugurated into a community of ongoing growth at levels of men/women, couple, and family, with great support by leaders such as Dr. Bob Schuchts and Peter Herbeck. We seek the vital support and engagement of their pastors.

To reach the masses, we continue to offer "Live IT (LIT) Seasons" of seven weeks, specifically seeking to engage families in making the weekly commitment to talk and pray using weekly [Live IT](#) guide. It is participated regularly by hundreds throughout the country. We are currently integrating a series we produced called "Making the Most Out of Mass," led by Fr. Mike Dandurand. The [latest episode](#) is particularly powerful on Adoration, with a great testimonial by Walt and Liz Erickson.

Ultimately, we believe the Holy Spirit is forging a world-scalable vision we might call "core community." What's that? It's something you're likely already doing at some level. You're prioritizing time with other families who share your commitment to friendship, growth and accountability in specific ways. We're just taking that to a new level. Recognizing the importance of commitment. Within the community, moments for the couple, men/women, youth, and the entire family-- based upon specific growth points in virtue. It's not about circling wagons. It's not about control. It's about becoming the best versions of ourselves. It's about receiving God's grace to overflow. It's about building the Kingdom, which must begin in our own homes.

Coming up. We are partnering with [Encounter Ministries](#) in this region. Last year the Encounter Conference at the Seagate Center drew 1,500 people. Next year the event will take place January 2-4, 2020 and we hope it will double. Speakers include Randy Clark, Mary Healy, Bob Schuchts, Fr. Mathias Thelen, Neal Lozano, Peter Herbeck, Patrick Reis and others. We are hosting an advance launch event on Saturday, October

12. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details. If you'd like to help our team spread the word, please contact me! Following the Conference, we hope to engage many more couples seeking to Live IT with engagement of our various, wonderful national leaders.

In the simplest form, we are engaging families committed to making our homes cultures of ever-deepening encounter with Jesus Christ, not as a program, but as a way of life. Our success is measured by the degree to which the generations entrusted to us do the same for the generations entrusted to them. Again, not as a program, but as a way of life. There is nothing more important: "The future of humanity passes by way of the family." (Pope St. John Paul II).

Please partner with us. Most basically, commit to [Mission One](#). Secondly, it is so difficult to ask for financial support-- but please also consider prayerfully partnering with us. We have an amazing board committed to complete transparency and accountability. We desire to dramatically expand this movement to so many more marriages and families. Your monthly commitment right now would be a great encouragement. Please [GO HERE](#) and consider becoming a monthly partner, however the Lord directs!

Of course, if you are already partnering with us, you know the difference together we're making! We are so grateful for you.

Know of our continued thoughts and prayers for you and your family! We are so blessed to be united with you in building the Kingdom!



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