

Additional ideas are provided online: www.littlewayweek.org.uk. Daily 'Little Way' ideas will be distributed by SMS text message.

1. Decide on seven small actions to do – one a day for a week – to witness to their faith through service
2. Come together at the end of the week as a community to celebrate and share their experiences
3. Consider volunteering with a Catholic charitable organisation

How to get involved?

Parishes, communities, families and individuals are invited to: and direct and enables others to encounter Christ. greatness but selflessness and service. The 'Little Way' is simple love of God and neighbour and has nothing to do with seeking everyday small tasks with love. It is a way of witnessing to the the saint lived by this pathway which is a commitment to do and received a teaching which has been called the 'Little Way';

What's the link with St Therese?

St Therese of Lisieux is the universal Patroness of the Missions opportunities to witness to our faith. Jesus Christ. Small acts and gestures often present significant for a week, as a way of reaching out to others with the love of get involved by doing at least one 'little' daily activity of service Home Mission Sunday, we are inviting every baptised person to 24th October 2009). As a follow up to end of the tour of the relics of St Therese of Lisieux in England and Wales (18th – **Little Way Week** which will coincide with the Way Week' which will coincide with the end of the tour of the relics of St Therese of Lisieux in England and Wales (18th –

Little Way Week: 18th - 24th Oct 2009

Prayer

Jesus, You invite us to be the 'servant of all'.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit and confident of the love of the Father, grant us the grace to respond generously to this invitation.

In our daily lives, through the 'Little Way'; the making of small charitable actions and gestures, may people encounter You through us. AMEN

Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelisation, pray for us. St Therese of Lisieux, Patroness of the Missions, pray for us.

Home Mission Sunday is celebrated annually and is a day of prayer for the spread of the Gospel in England and Wales. A collection is requested for the work of the Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation (CASE) which is an agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The Agency is part-funded by today's optional collection and relies on diocesan support.

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It is the task of every parish and baptised person to break open for others the meaning of Jesus' story through witnessing to their faith through loving service. There is a powerful link between evangelisation and works of charity because, "Love of neighbour is a path that leads to the encounter with God, and that closing our eyes to our neighbour also blinds us to God;" (Deus Caritas Est 16, 30b) Home Mission Sunday challenges us to take a fresh look at how we can show the face of God by the good works, small and large, that we do in daily life. I encourage you to celebrate it and to take part in the planned "little" week of evangelistic service;

as being found in Christ. (1 Peter 3:15) present themselves to explain the reason for their actions this time. They are reminded to use the opportunities that through loving support of and service to those in need at economic climate. Parishes and individuals are being invited to consider how they can evangelise by showing their faith content of the Scripture readings for the day and the current that you do, and has been chosen in prayerful response to the This year's theme is 'They will know Him by the good works people that they encounter every day.

resourced to share their faith with the many different individuals with the opportunity to reflect, pray and be provides Catholic parishes, communities, families and that God loves and forgives them. Home Mission Sunday We all know someone who needs to hear the Good News

What is Home Mission Sunday?



Home Mission Sunday

20th Sept 2009

They will know Him by the good works that you do.

'He must make himself... servant of all'

Mark 9: 35



Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation
www.caseresources.org.uk

Home Mission Sunday is resourced by...

...the **Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation** (CASE) which was established by the Bishops of England and Wales in 2004. It is part-funded by today's optional collection and relies on the support of parishes. CASE serves the Church by:

- » Offering training and guidance to dioceses, parishes, groups and individuals in support of their local evangelistic initiatives
- » Signposting people to evangelisation resources
- » Engaging in dialogue with contemporary culture, and equipping others to do the same
- » Collaborating with and promoting new movements and organisations with evangelistic aims
- » Collaborating with other denominations on projects of mission and evangelisation
- » Encouraging prayer for the spread of the Gospel

CASE also runs the Catholic Enquiry Office (CEO) which aims to stimulate interest in and to promote the Catholic Faith. Each year thousands of enquirers contact the Office and, thanks to your support, receive free information packs.

'Evangelising is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelise.' Pope Paul VI (*Evangelii Nuntiandi* 14)

See: www.casesources.org.uk (CASE)
and www.life4seekers.co.uk (CEO)

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CASE Catalogue



The CASE catalogue is an up-to-date guide on the resources and services CASE can offer in support of evangelisation. It features:

Printed resources – leaflets for Catholics explaining the meaning of evangelisation, leaflets for enquirers giving information about the Faith, as well as invitation materials for resting (lapsed) Catholics.

Online materials – PowerPoint presentations, video clips, seasonal outreach resources, materials to celebrate Home Mission Sunday, prayers, reflections and more. The CASE website also hosts a directory of evangelisation resources, initiatives, community details and training providers in England and Wales.

Training opportunities – the catalogue offers a comprehensive list of the workshops and talks that CASE can deliver on request.

The Agency's resources are designed to be simple, easy-to-use and are distributed at cost. The aim of the catalogue is to inspire its readers with fresh ideas and to equip them with the resources to play their part in Home Mission.

Projects in Service of Home Mission 2009

National Evangelisation Training Tour



By November of this year twelve venues across England and Wales will have hosted a regional 'Fanning The Flames' training day. The primary focus of these days is to help parishes grow in confidence and to establish Parish Evangelisation Teams. The Agency has also fulfilled a large number of training commitments in deaneries, groups and parishes.

Supporting Our Priests



CASE contributes to formation courses for candidates training for the priesthood and offers in-service for priests.

Easter and Christmas for Children

11 – 13 year olds have an enormous thirst for things spiritual. www.yfaith.co.uk provides an online space for them to engage with, explore and express their Catholic faith. We recently added Christmas and Easter pages to the site.



New Materials for Resting Catholics



Most Catholic families know someone who is a resting Catholic. CASE has a wide variety of outreach materials and thanks to your support has been able to expand its portfolio to include posters and invitation cards.

'Credit Crunch' Outreach



A dedicated interactive web page has been created to engage with those who are posing questions about their life's purpose and direction because of financial hardship. The resource includes an mp3 meditation for download, a space for reflection and 'tips on how to get through'. See:

www.life4seekers.co.uk/uncertainty

Visit of the Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux



The visit of the Relics of the Patroness of the Missions presents an evangelisation opportunity. The Agency has created: a PowerPoint presentation about her life and mission to be used in small groups; a promotional DVD resource; and has offered a training day for venue welcomers. See: www.catholicrelics.co.uk

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Media Partnership

There is a monthly CASE contribution in The Universe newspaper and articles also feature in The Tablet, Catholic Herald, Catholic Times, as well as in other publications. The team is currently exploring the use of YouTube as a tool for Youth Evangelisation.



For more information, see the contact details for CASE on the back of this leaflet.