



Archdiocese of Philadelphia

# INTERCESSORY PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

for the New Evangelization

In 1976, Blessed Mother Teresa founded a branch of contemplative sisters who would devote themselves to prayer and sacrifice to spiritually fuel the work of the active sisters who care for the poorest of the poor. In a similar spirit, we encourage parish evangelization teams to gather around them a group of people who will serve the ministry of evangelization through the offering of their prayers, joys, and sufferings to God for the conversion of souls and the spiritual efficacy of your parish ministry.

## How to Gather Intercessory Prayer Partners

*Parishes can customize the Archdiocesan IPP Prayer Card with their own parish contact information. This prayer card can be used to invite people to serve in this ministry. Contact the Office for the New Evangelization for a customized parish prayer card.*

1. Check with your pastor to see if/how he would like to proceed with developing an intercessory prayer partnership for your parish's evangelization ministry.
2. Devise a plan for your prayer partnership: whom will you invite? how will you communicate with them?
3. Work with Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to have them introduce and explain the Intercessory Prayer Partnership to those who are homebound or in nursing homes and invite them to participate.
4. Contact your parish's prayer groups and/or adoration chapel visitors and ask them to serve as intercessors for your parish evangelization efforts.
5. Personally invite parishioners, friends, and relatives or the children in your parish school or PREP program to serve as intercessors.
6. Collect the names and desired contact information of your parish intercessors. The Office for the New Evangelization sends out a quarterly email communication with special prayer intentions and updates to all intercessors. If your intercessors would like to receive this communication, please submit their names and email addresses to the address below.



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