



“FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”

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In last week's column I made note of the door-to-door, street mission we have begun in our neighborhood. After several months of preparation, in which we invited all members of the parish to participate, and then trained those who signed-up, last week we finally took to the streets for the first time. With crosses around our necks and prayers for our people on our lips, we did what Jesus asked us to do; "go and make disciples of all people". Our goal was not to argue with people about doctrine or faith. It was not to proselytize or even grow the numbers of our parish. We simply knocked on doors and asked people if they would like us to pray for any of their special intentions. Some people did not want to talk to us, and that's understandable.... but many other people welcomed us with great joy. They told us of their struggles and asked us to pray for them and their families. Some asked for information about how to baptize their children, the schedule of our masses, whether we still have mass in Italian and whether we also have mass now in Spanish. It's amazing that people who live so close to us know so very little about us! On more than one occasion, people just cried with us. There is so much hurt out there and people need someone to listen to them and care about their problems.

For the next several weeks we will continue to go out on our streets on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm - 7:15pm and on Saturdays from 11:00am - 12:30pm. If any of you would like to join me and the other parishioners, just show up! Come! You won't be alone. We always go two-by-two and you don't need to be an expert in anything other than love of your neighbor.

**God bless,
Father Jonathan**

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