

## 聖神與福傳（七）

（摘自「神恩」第廿八期）

### 福傳是行動

以下我嘗試把福傳的方形式，以及被傳者的人數和性質分成五類：與陌生人的短接觸、個人長時期接觸、小聚會（數人至數百人）、大聚會（數百人至數千或萬人）和傳媒。

### 與陌生人的短接觸

在香港有規模而定期地進行街頭個人接觸，傳福音的天主教團體，首推教友總會和聖母軍。筆者有幸參加過其訓練和工作，與同伴入修車房傳福音，跟身穿紅T恤戴太陽鏡雙手插袋的年青女郎福傳，又向蓄鬍子撐兩枝拐杖打領帶的中年壯漢見證天主……其他神恩運動的朋友又試過在火車上福傳……，那些派發出去的福傳卡，印有聯絡電話承接跟進工作，安排得很全面。

負責街頭接觸的人表示，這福傳方法的目的旨在令人有起碼的時間想起天主。這種形式能夠在短時間內接觸到許多人——並且是不同階層的人，確是一個可取的方法。側聞在出動五、六次後，有數十人回覆並詢問天主教的事，其中有些還加入了慕道班。

神恩運動的朋友嘗試加強宣講和個人見證的部份，在一次堂區街頭福傳中，十六個人分成八組用了一個小時（另外有三人唸玫瑰經支援），共接觸了二百四十名陌生人，當中竟有二百人沒有掉頭走，願停下來傾談和聽到我們宣講耶穌呢？另一次在維園的明愛賣物會中，我們用類似的模式傳福音，效果也很不錯，有一家人甚至主動走過來明言想加入天主教會(19)。

路加福音第十章記述耶穌派遣七十二位門徒去向陌生人傳福音，他們「歡喜地歸來」。我所見多次兄弟姐妹們到街上做同樣的事，起初大家都有點膽怯，但最後都是興高采烈地歸來。宣講耶穌是多麼令人開心的事。

### 個人長時間接觸

這種形式可分為一次過數小時及長期接觸兩種，基本的步驟已在上文「福傳培訓」中講過。前述的與陌生人街頭接觸的形式，很難完成那四個福傳步驟，但在某些特別的環境下，陌生人會與我相處一段長時期，此時談話的目的，就要在對方有興趣的條件下，抓緊機會不斷見證，務求打動他的心，使他在分離後仍對天主有印象和興趣。

在一次參加旅行團的時候，有位未信主的團友跟我和太太談及信仰，在一次要飛五小時的橫越美國的行程前，我祈禱說：天主，如果你的旨意，請你安排繼續福傳的機會。旅行團領隊說飛機已滿座，不能安排我們同坐，不過我仍深信天主能夠。到了飛機起飛時，我和太太的身邊竟然有全機唯一的空位，不久後那位團友自己找了上來，我在五

小時的航程中談罪、救贖、信理、自由、心靈和身體的醫治等談了四個半小時。

另一次在大陸乘火車時，擠逼的車廂對座坐了位瘦長的漢子，我起初問他信不信神時，他交叉雙手說：「我信科學，不信神。」之後，我與他邊聊邊見證：自己及朋友生命的轉變，怎樣接納天主的愛、面對困難、遇到耶穌後的奇妙事情等；到了出關時，他仍唯唯諾諾的，直到最後我拍拍他肩膀說再見，並鼓勵他有困難時去聖堂試試看時，他竟認真地應允我會去一下。

在個人長期接觸方面，先要建立了友誼與信任，之後就可跟那四個福傳步驟傳福音，但最不容易的地方並不是起首第一步的傾談，而是第四步的跟進。

\* 請記下你對以上文章的任何感想或有任何信仰分享，投入我們設在聖堂反面的收集箱內。

### **Reflection on last article (to be continued on page 4):**

My non-believer friend has been telling me about some certain persistent behaviors of her husband that seem to me like a case of mental abuse. Trying to help I then treated her husband at a dim sum place just for a casual chat and a possible evangelization where he poured out the condemnations of her in a prosecuting style without stop. Seeing the highly controlling manner and a very worldly outlook of her husband I advised my friend to be forgiving and avoid being dragged into the verbal fights he seemed to enjoy at home. However, the situation became worse: she was in tears more often and became depressed. Seeing my friend mentally bullied by a tough guy I felt the injustice, a feeling of a just anger. Despite my busy schedule of studies and exams I called him to invite him to a dinner with me. "What is the purpose of this dinner? You want to be the peace maker?" he asked shrewdly.



## **Holy Spirit and Evangelization (VII)** (Article from the 28<sup>th</sup> issue of God Grace magazine)

### **Evangelization is Action**

In the following I will try to identify the methods of evangelization into five categories in terms of the methodology, size of the target and nature of evangelization: 1. brief encounter with the strangers; 2. evangelization within a period of time; 3. small gathering of several persons to hundreds; 4. big gathering of hundreds to over ten thousands; 5. mass media.

### **Brief Encounter with the Strangers**

In Hong Kong there are consistent organized evangelizations that bring the Good News to the people on the street, the activities of street-evangelization carried out by the Catholic evangelization organizations, laity associations and the Legions of Mary. There I had the opportunity to participate in their training and work, such as evangelizing in the car-repair shop, to the young lady in red t-shirt and fashionable sunglasses, to the elderly on crutches and the middle-aged and sending the evangelization cards with phone numbers for further contacts. Every activity is well-organized.

Those who organized the street-evangelization say that this method aims at reminding people of God in the midst of our busy lives, and is able to reach out to the mass from different walks of life within a short period of time. I heard that after 5 to 6 street-evangelizations there would be about 20 to 30 people who responded with the inquiries of Catholicism, some joining the RCIA process.

Charisma movement emphasizes on the part of the witness of faith in evangelization. On one street-evangelization 16 people formed into 8 groups that reached out to 240 strangers within an hour, with the support of three people praying the Rosary at the background. Afterwards, there were still 200 people who didn't want to leave, but stayed with us to listen to the story of Jesus. In another instance we used the same method and achieved good result: there was a family who came to us, saying that they wanted to join the Catholic Church.

The Gospel of Luke narrates that "the seventy-two returned rejoicing" (Lk 10:17) after being sent by Jesus ahead of him to "every town and place he intended to visit". (Lk 10:1) Many times I saw my brothers and sisters did the same as the disciples in Jesus' time and always "returned rejoicing" in spite of the initial timidity. What a joyful thing it is to preach Jesus to the world!

### **Evangelization in a Period of Time**

However, it's not possible to achieve the four steps of evangelization with the method of street-evangelization alone. (The four steps: preparation of evangelization, evangelization, and invitation to the individual to enter into the Church community.)

In some situation we happen to be with the individual stranger for a longer time. With the individual showing interest in the conversation, we should seize the opportunity to do the witness of faith persistently, so as to touch his heart and let him carry with him the impression and interest in God after he leaves.

On day when I was traveling with a group, a non-believer member had a conversation with my wife and I about faith. Before this 5-hour flight I prayed, "God, if it's your will, please arrange the opportunity of evangelization for me." Although the group leader told me that

the flight was full and he couldn't let us sit together, I still deeply believed that God will be able to. By the time the plane took off, there was an empty seat next to my wife and I. Soon that member came to us by himself to continue the conversation. On this 5-hour flight I talked about sin, redemption, the Creed, freedom, the healing of the body and soul for 4 and half hours.

Another instance when I was traveling in China on the train, in the crowded compartment a thin, tall man sat next to me. I asked if he believed in God. He crossed his hands, replying, "I believe in science, not God." Afterwards I chatted with him while doing my witness of faith: the conversion of my friends and myself; how to accept God's love; the miraculous things happened after the encounter of Jesus and in the face of difficulties. By the time we departed, he was still hesitating until I patted him on the shoulder and encouraged him to go to the Church when he met difficulties. Surprisingly, he promised me he would with sincerity.

When dealing with individual evangelization within certain length of time the first thing is to establish friendship and trust, and from there we carry on the 4-step evangelization. But the most difficult is the 4th step: leading the individual to Church.

***\* If you have any reflection on this article or your faith sharing, please write it down and put it into the collection box located at the back of the church.***

#### **Reflection on last article (Continue):**

Before the dinner I prayed to the Lord for the forgiveness of my insufficient experience and knowledge of marriage counseling but see my heart of compassion. There must be one million ways to deal with this case, but at this moment the courage of telling the truth to a falling wise guy enveloped me. I was inspired by the scene where our Lord knocked out St. Paul with a light bolt of truth which brought about the conversion of this Roman strongman.

At the dinner I called for the remembrance of the love he had for her when he married her. Love is patient, love is kind and forgiving. Love is the basic foundation of any human relationship, be it friendship, fellowship or marriage. I looked at his bewildered face, saying, "I am introducing you to a new outlook that you may not have heard of, but without this new outlook you can't possibly exist as a happy man and your any relationship including marriage will fail, as it is now. These good values I didn't know before but I learned in faith and Church. Your anguish and your wife's tears showed me that you need to say good-bye to the old dark bitching world and come to the light of the Lord: he is the way, the truth and life."

He vehemently announced, "I don't believe in any religion" to maintain his pride. I replied, "Actually any human being, believer or not, has a common desire to be happy. Today I am bringing this Gospel to you, a new way of the life of happiness. After you've tried your way of happiness and failed, as we all know it's your fourth marriage, you should adopt this new way that Jesus showed us."

Afterwards according to his wife, he has been very quiet these days, without initiating the usual fights and arguments. Maybe he is thinking about this new way or maybe he is experiencing some change.

The Holy Spirit works in the most wonderful way and evangelization takes place naturally when we have the genuine love and care for the people around us. When we evangelize to the non-believers sometimes we realize with pain that they are suffering from the pollution and evil of the world far more than we could bear. In this instance, we see God's glory, mercy and grace shine forth, penetrating through the hardened human heart.