

# Tools for the Newly Converted

Welcome to *Every Knee Shall Bow*, your weekly Catholic podcast on evangelization. My name is Mike Gormley and I'm joined by my co-host, Dave "Salsa-King of the East Coast" Van Vickle. How are we doing today, David?

**Question:** How do we start an intercessory prayer group?

- Job description of an intercessor (Ex: one *memorare* a week, holy hour a month)
- complicated: fast and prayer days with sign-ups (daily, weekly, monthly)
- Monthly Holy Hour where we pray for the parish
- Boost prayer life through monthly conferences
- endgame: we want you to be professional intercessors
- Sister Ann Shields, *Intercession, a guide to effective prayer*

**What grows your faith: "The Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith" by Andy Stanley and North Point Community Church (fivethingsgoduses.com)**

- Practical Teaching
- Private Devotions & Disciplines
- Providential Relationships
- Personal Ministry
- Pivotal Circumstances

## PERSONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL

Personal Prayer: *Prayer for Beginners* by Peter Kreeft or *Time for God* by Jacques Philippe  
Strong Community: Sponsors and godparents, Similar demographic, intergenerational, and with the poor in solidarity

Daily Scripture Reading: how do I read the Bible? do I have a Bible, or is this one good enough for me as an adult to read? where do I start? Recognize God's voice in Scripture and in Tradition

Moral & Intellectual Formation: Study the twin doctrines on the Trinity and Incarnation; for morality: *Back to Virtue* by Peter Kreeft and *Morality: The Catholic View* by Servais Pinckaers; *Theology of the Body for Beginners* by Christopher West

## TAKE FIVE

1. How to go to Confession with Fr. Mike Schmitz on Ascension Presents
2. Intercession: Pray for the New Catholics!
3. Community: Read and discuss together the Battle of Prayer in the CCC
4. Daily Scripture Readings: one of Jesus' hard sayings that changed you, and form your testimony around that.
5. Watch my three-part series on Sorrow, Sin, and Satisfaction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzgUD9OvnFg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbxAH9cYv7I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqB4kW8PDYs>