# Stella Maris Family of Parishes Lenten Parish Mission 2025

Session III: Sharing the Faith

#### **Key Questions from Yesterday:**

- What is your "Go call your husband" question?
- How is God wanting to meet you there? LOVE you there?

## The Great "Seeming" Contradiction

- You Can't do Anything!
- Everything Depends on You!

# Early Beginning's

- Red Light, Green Light . . .
- Praying for GRACE
  - Pray for Divine Appointments
  - o Pray for the Grace to Recognize Them When They Happen
  - o Pray for the Grace to Move in the Right Way, and the Right Amount
  - o Pray for Grace for the Other Person to RECEIVE What God is Wanting Them to

# When it's a RED Light – the Light may be RED, but there's still A LOT you can do!

- Embrace the Poverty
  - You May not be the Best Person (St. Monica)
  - o Take on the Role of Intercessor & "Holy Collaborator"
  - o Ask Good Questions leave them thinking
  - Leave some "breadcrumbs" and "directional arrows"
- Focus on Yourself
- What You CAN'T Do
  - o Change someone's heart / Make them be open to faith
  - Covert them or change their mind
  - Heal their wounds or fix their problems
  - Change their behavior
- What You CAN Do
  - o Show Up
  - o Be With
  - o Listen
  - o Love
  - Accept (Not Affirm, but Accept)
  - Be a tangible source of what the Father is doing/desiring

### When it's a GREEN Light

- It's a lot like driving Be CAUTIOUS when entering the intersection!
- Make sure you're operating from the proper WHY
- Stay in the Father's Lap and in Jesus' heart!
- HOW to Share
  - Keep it Simple "Don't have to be learned or knowledgeable to share about someone you love
  - o "Modern man listens more readily to witnesses" focus on your own story
- WHAT to share?
  - The Kerygma, but through the lens of your own story (testimony)
    - Created, Captured, Rescued, Response (Father Riccardo;
  - o Baby steps
  - o Practice, practice, practice
- Careful for "Land Mines" but Don't be Fooled by Them
  - o QBQ the "Question Behind the Question"
  - o PBA the "Pain Behind the Anger"
  - LBB the "Lie Behind the Belief or Behavior"

## The Critical Role that Mary Plays

- Praying the Rosary like never before
  - o Mary's "Memories"
  - o "Recapitulation"
  - o Praying FOR those we are burdened for

## **Key Questions to Ponder/Pray With:**

- When I go into the Lord's heart, what "burdens" do I bump into there?
- What is the desire in his heart for that person?
- How might He want to use me to be a vessel of that desire for them?