

Strengths and Weaknesses in Sharing Faith with Others

Individual Activity (5 minutes):

Place the letter representing your present skill or ability in the space before each number below: **A.** No present ability, **B.** Low present ability, **C.** Moderate present ability, or **D.** High present ability.

- _____ 1. Ability to establish rapport, friendship and a hospitable and open climate for sharing my faith with others.
 - _____ 2. Ability to identify another person's needs, problems, current spirituality, and level of conversion or faith development.
 - _____ 3. Ability, through my lifestyle, to present a "silent witness" to my faith. In other words, I practice what I preach (or believe).
 - _____ 4. Ability, to verbalize what my faith in God means to me, how it has changed or affected my life.
 - _____ 5. Ability to discuss with others the basic, central truths of the Gospel.
 - _____ 6. Ability to invite another person into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - _____ 7. Ability to pray with a person who is actually seeking a new or deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - _____ 8. Ability to provide such a person with immediate follow-up (i.e. referral to a priest, counselor, social worker, or community agency, if needed).
 - _____ 9. Ability to invite, introduce, and include a person into my parish faith community (if he/she is not already a member).
 - _____ 10. Ability to introduce him/her to an appropriate small support group (i.e. Bible study, prayer group, young adults, separated/divorced, etc., depending on his or her needs).
 - _____ 11. Ability to peacefully and joyfully share my faith with others in the ways that I can, and not in the ways that I can't—according to my present life and parish situation.
 - _____ 12. Ability to teach or train other Catholics to be able in all the above behaviors.
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Reflection Questions for Small Group Sharing— 4 or 5 people (25-40 mins.)

- **What two or three skills or abilities are my strongest ones? Why?**

- **What two skills or abilities do I most need to grow stronger in? Why?**

- **(Complete the sentence) By doing this exercise, what I have realized about my own skills or ability to share faith is...**

- **Where can I (we) get Catholic evangelization training locally or nationally to grow in the twelve skills or abilities listed above?**

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