

Promotion and Hospitality

Activities

1. Write short, crisp, enthusiastic advertisements for your council's upcoming event. Answer the questions, "What? When? Where? Who? How Much?" Well in advance, submit them to the church bulletin, local community newspapers, and local radio and television stations. Attach contact information in case they want to ask for further information. Sound enthusiastic!
2. Being an authentic witness of Christ, remember to be inclusive and invite someone to "Come with me." When you bring her to a meeting or an event, introduce her to a couple of other people who can welcome her and make her feel at home.

The Be-Attitudes of the Media Savvy Christian

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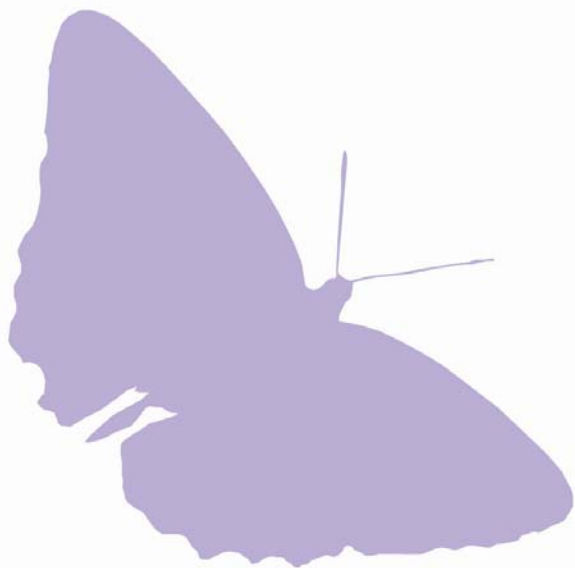
- ✓ Be attentive.
- ✓ Be intelligent.
- ✓ Be reflective.
- ✓ Be responsible.

Speak Against Pornography

Activities

Consider the dangerous effects of pornography on society, whether on the Internet, in the media or on the streets. Who can members speak to to eradicate this scourge?

1. In October, parishioners are asked to sign a white ribbon to demonstrate their objection to pornography. This is mailed to the local member of parliament with an accompanying letter, stating views in a polite way, and even requesting an appointment. This action does not have to be confined to October; if it has not been done lately, then as the Nike ad suggests, "Just do it!"
2. Welcome a law enforcement officer to speak to the parish and/or community about ways and means of keeping children safe from Internet luring.



Movie Night

Activity

Plan a movie night for the council or parish. Rent a thought-provoking movie or television show, have popcorn and drinks, and plan a group discussion afterwards. *Bella* is a movie that is pro-life in a refreshing way. Perhaps find a movie focusing on palliative care and dying with dignity such as *Finding Neverland* or *Tuesdays with Morrie* or focusing on new immigrants to a country.

Questions to ask following the movie

1. What am I seeing? Hearing? Feeling?
2. What is going on? Who pains? Who gains? What characters do I relate with most? Least? Why?
3. What difference does it make? What Christian values does this media experience support or ignore? Does hope play a part in this movie? What can I learn from this story?
4. What difference can I make? What response seems appropriate in light of my Christian beliefs? How might God be calling me into action?

