



# **AWAKENING *the* DOMESTIC CHURCH**

*Evangelize the family, change the world!*

## **Awakening the Domestic Church and United in Christ** **Neighborhood-Based and Leadership Communities**

### **The Foundational Truth that ADC Builds upon**

1. All Authority in Heaven and Earth has been given to Jesus.
2. The Transfiguration is God's sign to His chosen people expressing the True nature of Jesus **and us**. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. **The Baptized are** His real presence in the culture.
3. We are immersed (Baptized) into the Life of the Spirit through the sacraments of initiation but Taught by the Father (John 6:45) how we fit into the Body of Christ. Spiritual Maturity is recognizing that you are CALLED and GIFTED, through your sacramental life, to be the Real Presence of Jesus in your world (Culture).
4. The sacraments of initiation MUST be brought to MATURITY.
5. Only God The Father can, in the Name of Jesus, through the Power of the Spirit, do this. But God will never force you to choose since True Love, who is the Spirit, invites not coerces or condemns.
6. In Baptism a person is Immersed into Living Water through Grace. Then Anointed to fulfill the ministry of Jesus as Priest, Prophet and King.
7. Reconciliation restores the baptized to their anointed GLORY. See John 17: 22 & 24
8. Confirmation empowers the baptized to be a bold witness to the Gospel filling him/her with every spiritual blessing in the heavens. These Charisms are made manifest (spiritually and supernaturally present) when they are NEEDED, not always EVIDENT!! They are hidden but active, NEVER dormant. The three most powerful gifts are Faith: believing before seeing, Hope: supernatural trust in divine Providence and the greatest of these gifts is Love who is the Spirit's manifest presence!

### **AN ADC Neighborhood Based Intentional Community**

1. Every neighborhood is a secular community that needs TRANSFIGURATION. It has been established by God but is influenced by the Secular World View. God has poured His Spirit into the baptized who need to seek and find each other. They must recognize each other as brethren not just secular neighbors. This is Stage One of the ADC PROCESS of neighborhood-based communities: discover who GOD has planted in your secular community.
2. These brethren need to get to know each other and surrender to the Grace of Discipleship. ADC gives **RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS** three films to focus conversation and give everyone a common experience. The first film is ***Preacher to the Popes*** which will help everyone realize that every baptized person is part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Body of Christ and must be filled with the Spirit: immersed into the living water of Love and Grace then set on Fire so our hearts are burning within us! The second film is I AM MARK, a solo performance of the Gospel of Mark! The third is 7 Days to Change.
3. These three films help brethren form relationships with each other over a 12-week period: one ***"Dinner, Movie and Discussion"*** per week. The goal is to form relationships to Transfigure the

secular neighborhood into Christian Community. This group of brothers and sisters in Christ now develop a strategy to win their neighbors to Jesus.

4. The **process** of winning souls begins with prayer, as always! Each Christian “Prayer walks the neighborhood” blessing each household and asks the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of their neighbor’s hearts to accept Jesus. This is planting the seeds of Grace.
5. ADC and CMAX are developing a commercial for Facebook and our website to promote this concept and help a person discover the Spirit filled Christians already planted in our neighborhoods.
6. Every Memorial Day, Mother’s Day, Fathers Day, Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving weekend, July 4th, Labor Day and any others, the ADC Community holds a block party or event to help neighbors discover each other and **form secular friendships**. Don’t talk religion unless asked. Let the Holy Spirit open the door.
7. Everyone experiences life traumas. Spiritual doors will be opened during these life crises. When the Christian hears the crisis event they respond with the most important sentence in our formation: May I pray for you? This sentence must be learned well so it is offered in the Charism of Love Who is the Spirit of the living God.
8. Every Christian must **be formed to be able to respond like Jesus** who is the actual minister. This formation occurs through the **Gray-Haired Army**, a team of experienced Spirit Filled Christians who babysit “Spiritually Adopted” Grandkids so the parents can be formed at facilitated formation days established by the ADC/CMAX partnership.
9. Each Christian must be formed well to be able to minister in the name of Jesus to the situation. He/she doesn’t need to be an expert in everything just a great listener to the neighbor and to God the Father’s Word spoken into his/her conscience.
10. Dr. Richard Roberts and Deacon Darrell Wentworth are developing a **Rule of Life** for Neighborhood Based Communities that will help establish a set of guidelines to create a safe environment for respectful ecumenical relationships.

### United in Christ Communities of Jesus

1. Leaders who adopt the above system can join together to evangelize their entire city. A **Community of Jesus Leader (CJL)** must be recognized by at least 30 families/households as their spiritual mentor.
2. The CJL can be ordained or not ordained in a Christian tradition. However, ordained ministers are preferred since they are under a system of authority and accountability. Un-ordained ministers will need to verify their system of accountability so that safe environments for all participants are maintained.
3. CJL groups identify with each other so that the Society sees the visible sign that Christian Leaders are evangelizing together. The hope is that a Community of Jesus would regularly hold a citywide **Festival of Praise** or a **March for Jesus** around Pentecost weekend. Secular holidays can be used as evangelistic events bringing people together for Praise and Worship and fellowship. Food and Fun are great draws. Relationships are the main focus.
4. Religious holidays New Year’s Day, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Holy Week ending with Easter are opportunities for Christians to gather together in mass to be visible to the culture. ADC/United in Christ will present examples of suggested group events.