

# **WHAT GOOD IS YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH ?**

**The Holy Spirit has been sowing the Catholic faith deeper into our world since the first apostles and first Christian communities. Today, as the world's oldest and largest Christian community, it has grown to 1.34 billion baptized members. 67 million reside in America. One in six people in America find their healthcare in Catholic hospitals opened mostly by religious women in every corner of our country. One out of every five Americans living in poverty are served by Catholic charities, many through 17000 parish congregations. The Catholic church resettles the largest number of refugees of any agency in our country. St Vincent de Paul ministries serve more than 14 million needy persons every year. Your Catholic Relief Services, governed by the U.S. Bishops, currently addresses the development and emergency needs of 190 million people in 116 countries - without a lot of noise or notice. Your Catholic Church is the largest private educator in the nation, with two million children enrolled in 6,800 K thru 12 Catholic schools. Your Catholic Faith in Action!**

**So, what next? That is up to you! Will you listen to the Spirit of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and consider where He is calling you to build up His Kingdom of Love today?**

**Pope Francis has said, you and I are called to be missionary disciples. Missionary disciples know and love Jesus, and make His love known through their own unique witness and works of mercy and compassion, and walk along with others as they seek to know and live the Gospel of Christ.**

**God will freely reveal to you your mission, once He perceives that you have made yourself available to serve. Each of us has a role we are uniquely suited for. Your mission is where your talents and passions collide with the needs of others at home and/or elsewhere in His world. The Spirit of the Lord will show YOU your own unique mission in His world today!**