

So, we continue to work on the question I posed at the beginning of Advent --

“Why do you come to Church?”

We who come regularly to Church are the minority now – we are about 25 or 26 % of the whole Catholic population. In order for the Church to continue and to stay alive for future generations, it would be really beneficial to keep asking this question of ourselves: Why do I go to Church?

We need to have real reasons for ourselves, and we need to have a sense of purpose in going to Church! Without purpose and intentionality, we have very little hope of convincing an upcoming generation of the value of going to Church!

Without a sense of purpose and intention, we would be unable to evangelize. And, without effective evangelization, the Church just dies!

How much the Church has changed and deteriorated already. One of the biggest concerns in my home parish when I was growing up was, “How do we get the people and the cars out of here so that we can be ready for the next Mass?” -- not a problem any longer!

So, why do you go to Church?

Three boys on the playground were bragging about their dads. One said, “My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a song, and they pay him 50 bucks.”

“Oh yeah?” said the second, “My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a poem, and they pay him \$100!”

“That’s nothing,” said the third kid. “My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect the money!”

So, why do you come to Church?