



## FAITH. PURPOSE. PEOPLE. WHY WE KEEP GOING

A Mid-Year Letter from the Executive Director, Greg Wasinski

Dear Friends,

At this moment in our ministry journey, I want to take a step back and thank you—sincerely—for all you have helped us accomplish in 2025 so far. You are part of every retreat, every moment of healing, and every soul that has turned back toward the heart of Christ.

Starting on a lighter note, one of the funniest—and perhaps most sincere—testimonials I received this year came during a visit to Westfield, Massachusetts. After I gave the Parish Mission invitation at Mass, The Pastor, Fr. Jon Reardon, approached the microphone, paused, and declared:

*“Greg is not crap! I don’t associate with crap. I only give you the best. I brought Greg in to change hearts—and he never disappoints.”*

**“Greg is NOT crap!”**

It got a great laugh, but it was a powerful reminder: we must bring our best to reach the hearts of those who’ve grown disconnected from the love of God. ***And we must do it intentionally—with joy, humility, and excellence.***

Every month, we hear powerful testimonials from people whose lives have been changed through our ministry—proof that God is using Faith and Real Life to reach hearts hungry for a deeper relationship with Him. These stories also remind us just how impactful live events can be. That’s why this fall, we’re launching a brand-new national tour: ***The ONE Experience.***

Greg will be joined by musical artist and ministry collaborator Carrie Ford for this two-night, inspirational event focused on reconnecting with the Lost Sheep and equipping loved ones who are trying to bring someone back to the Church. ***Thanks to our donors, these events will be offered at no cost to parish hosts.***

And for the first time ever, every attendee will receive **six months of FREE online follow-up**, providing encouragement and practical tools to continue growing in faith—long after the event is over. Have your parish contact us to host an event in your community!

### But we are not done yet.

The next phase of our **ONE INITIATIVE** is already underway. We're expanding our digital content, writing new resources, launching new programs for seniors, and preparing a national parish toolkit to invite people back home. We must continue to help others understand why faith matters.

Together, we are responding to a ***spiritual crisis in our culture*** with truth, compassion, and real-life faith. Our work has brought hundreds of people into a deeper relationship with Jesus through live events, small groups, and personal encounters.

## ONLINE CLASSES COMING SOON...

4 PART TEACHING MASS

BIBLE ROUNDTABLES

HEALING & FORGIVENESS

SACRAMENTS EXPLAINED

**77%** of Christians say they would attend in-home church or Bible study if it was online.

While the world is great at surveys, we can't just name the problem, we have to help provide solutions. Your involvement with Faith & Real Life helps us reach our goals and the people we are called to serve. We're empowering senior adults to rediscover their purpose. We're helping young adults rediscover their faith and come home to the Church. And we're giving families tools to bring faith back into their homes—not just in their Sundays. ***Your support makes this possible. Your belief in our mission keeps it moving. Thank you for being a part of something that's not just a missionary ministry—it's a movement.***

With Ultimate Respect,

**Greg Wasinski**

Founder & Director, *Faith & Real Life*

## A NEW LOOK, THE SAME MISSION



You've probably noticed that over the past two years, we've transitioned from the name *Let Me Be... Ministries* to our clearer, more focused identity: **Faith and Real Life Ministry**. This rebrand better reflects who we serve, how we serve, and what we believe—faith must meet people in the real life they are living. People connect instantly with the message.

With a portion of the funds raised, we've also launched a long-overdue refresh of [FaithandRealLife.com](http://FaithandRealLife.com). Our new site is more than just an event hub—it's **a center of inspiration** designed to reach those already walking with Christ, a life-line for the seekers, and hope for the lost sheep.

Whether you're looking for resources, exploring faith again, or hoping to bring us to your parish—you'll find a space that welcomes and equips you.



## RETREAT PROPERTY CONSECRATED



Many of you joined with us in June as **Prayer Partners** specifically praying for the ministry team, God's will for the ministry, and for those we serve. We felt the power of those prayers and a strong sense that dedicating the ministry and retreat property to the ONE who truly leads our guests was vital.

On June 23, 2025, Fr. Jon Reardon led the Bee Team in a **special Mass at Trilogy, including the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. This ceremony acknowledges Jesus' kingship and invites him to reign over the property, influencing the lives of those who come here for spiritual growth and peace.

The Sacred Heart devotion focuses on the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, symbolized by his physical heart. Part of this devotion encourages believers to pray for those who have turned away from Christ's love and for their conversion of heart that they might come back into the fold once again.



## A MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR, JEFF STINSON



JEFF STINSON

In a time when the Church is facing a generational decline in the pews, **Catholic evangelization is more important now than it's been in the past 50 years**. At Faith and Real Life, we're committed to seeking out the lost sheep—and gently guiding them home.

As lay people—and at times, lost sheep ourselves, our team brings a level of authenticity and connection that resonates with those who have stepped away from the faith. We meet people where they are and walk with them in real life.

*For me personally, the most powerful moments come from hearing stories of lives changed at our parish events. Greg's vulnerability breaks down walls and helps others see how much Jesus truly longs for a relationship with each of us.*

We wake up each day with one clear mission: to share the love of Jesus with both those in the pews and those who've quietly slipped away.

Thank you for standing with us. **Together, we can bring someone you love back to the Church.**

## MAKE A PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE AT TRILOGY THIS YEAR



Every 25 years, the Catholic Church celebrates the anniversary of Christ's Incarnation with a special Holy Year of Jubilee. Recognizing many cannot travel to Rome for the Jubilee, the USCCB has highly recommended that organizations, apostolates, and ministries develop opportunities to celebrate and honor this special year in their own way.

We have created an experience where you can focus on HOPE in nature and reflection at Faith & Real Life's, 24-acre, Trilogy Retreat Property:

### MAKE *Hope* YOUR FOCUS TODAY

**Visit Trilogy for a Local Pilgrimage Experience**

**LOCATION:** Trilogy Retreat Property

**DATE/TIME:** Flexible to fit your schedule

**REFLECTION OPPORTUNITIES:** Customized Walking Stations, Scripture Reflections, Virtue Meditations, Prayer Garden of Hope, & More

**MORE INFO/RESERVE A TIME:** [www.Trilogy.center/hope](http://www.Trilogy.center/hope)

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This is a biblical concept deeply rooted in Scripture and Tradition, offering the faithful a time of renewal, forgiveness, and celebration. Last year, seeing the increased anxiety around the world, Pope Francis declared the 2025 Jubilee would be dedicated specifically to **HOPE**.

REACHING THE DISCONNECTED. RESTORING THE FAITHFUL.

We're not waiting for people to come back. We're going out to find them.

The ONE INITIATIVE is Faith and Real Life's bold, five-year plan to respond to the spiritual crisis facing our Church. Every day, more people feel forgotten, disconnected, or unsure of where they belong. Many will never walk into a church building again. That's why we're going out to them!

Through real-life conversations, Scripture, Catechesis, and personal spiritual renewal, we are helping restore belief and reignite purpose in people who thought they were too far gone.  
- This is not a program. It's a mission.

Just look at the statistics to the right. The numbers are real. The need is urgent. And the people they represent matter deeply to God—and to us. *We must leave the 99 to go after the ONE.*

And your support makes it happen. When you become a monthly donor or give a special mid-year gift, you help:

- Share the Gospel with those who've stopped listening
- help reconnect families to the Sacraments
- Offer hope to the lonely, the doubtful, and the unseen

Supporting this lay-led mission doesn't take away from the Church—it expands its reach.

Please prayerfully consider being "the ONE" for someone who needs to find their way home.

**64%** of Young Adults who grow up in church walk away after High School

Nearly **30%** of Americans identify "No Religious Affiliation"

**43%** of U.S. adults raised Catholic no longer identify as Catholic - this now means **13%** of Americans are former Catholics - that equals

**44,000,000 people**

Only **29%** of those who identify as Catholic attend Mass weekly.



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